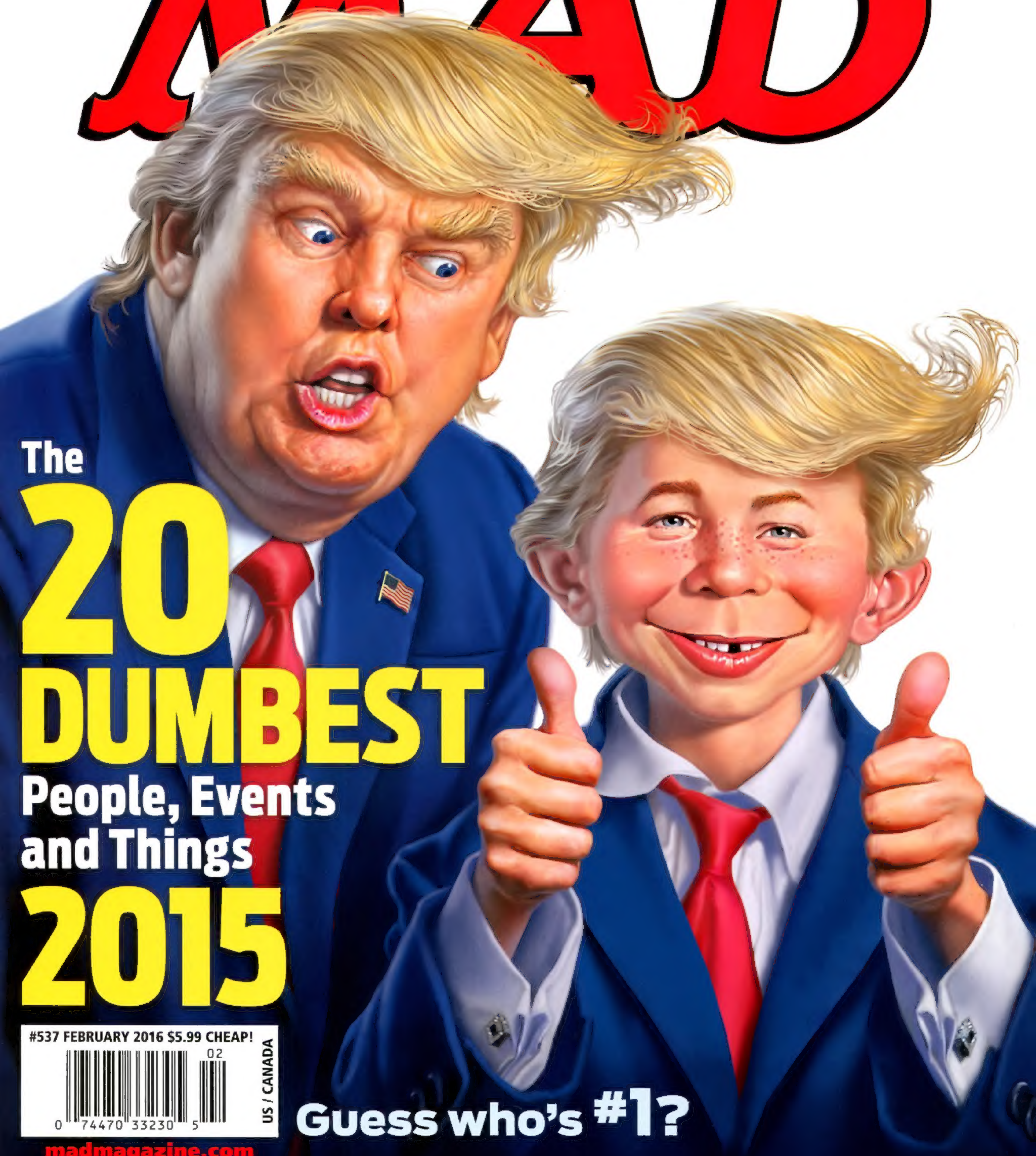


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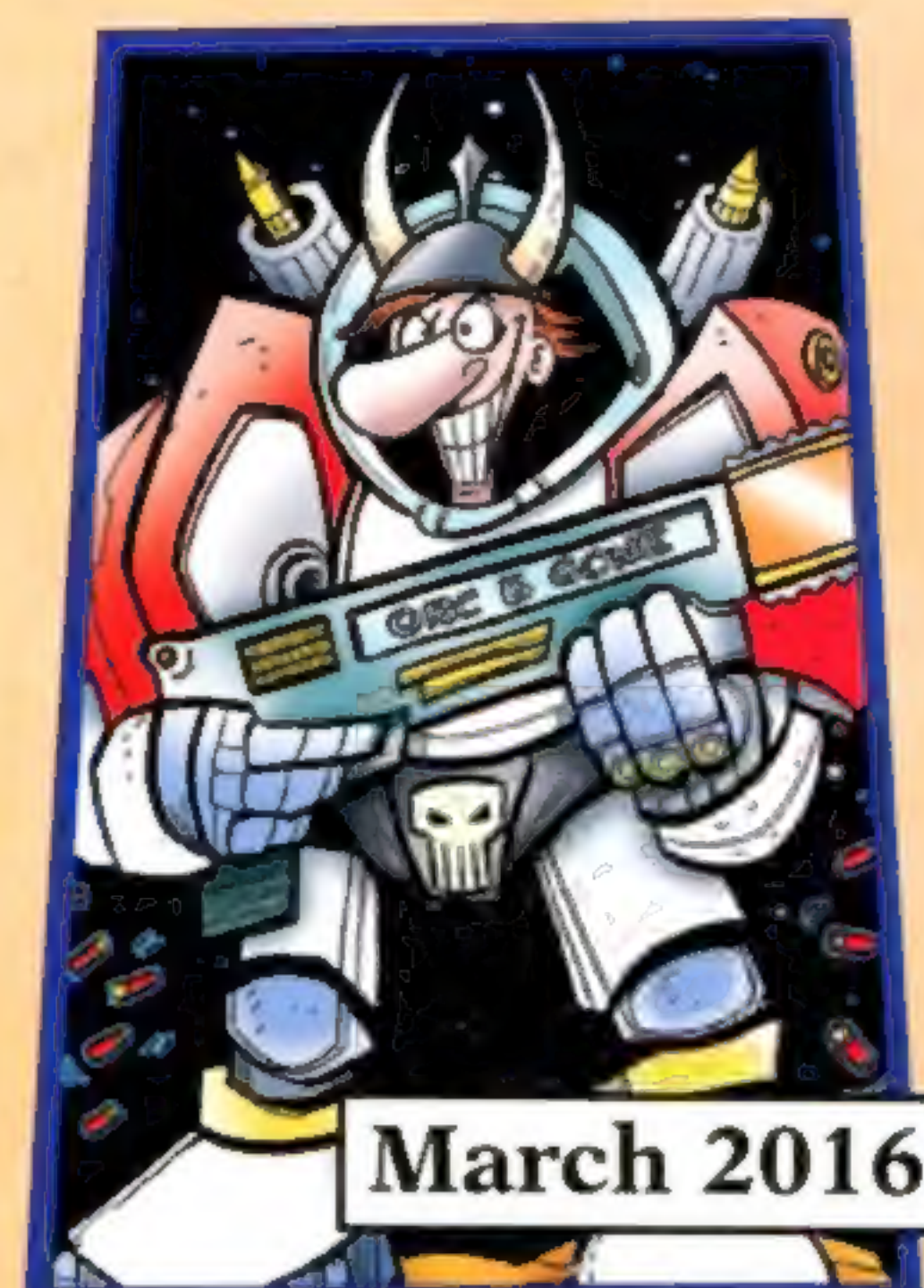
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Letters and Tomatoes



ALFRED BIRTHDAY CAKE

Jacob Hoke of Boone, North Carolina, got everything he wanted for his fourteenth birthday — including, apparently, an extremely stupid cake! We hope you had a happy birthday, Jake — and that you didn't have too much trouble choking down that Neuman-flavored frosting!



SUMMONING THE MUSICAL

I've been an avid reader for years — since before ads! There's always at least one MAD Dept. that makes me laugh out loud. My newest crush is Planet Tad!!! It never fails to crack me up. 'Nuff butt-kissing. What your magazine needs is more musicals! One of the first issues I remember had a movie musical with monsters. I loved Drac, Frankie and Wolfie singing together in a chorus line. That made me a reader for life. Sing-a-longs are FUN! To reiterate for your slower editors: MORE SINGING! MORE DANCING! MORE MUSICALS!

J.A. Dietz • Dearborn Heights, MI

Kellogg's Frosted Mini-Dietz — After receiving your letter, we immediately held an emergency meeting to discuss its contents. After going over its finer points with our "slower editors" — it took close to an hour to explain it to Associate Editor Jacob Lambert, and he still seemed a little lost — we determined that you would like to see more singing, dancing and musicals in the magazine. As a result, we immediately scrapped all plans for issue #538 and began working feverishly on a special "J.A. Deitz of Dearborn Heights, Michigan Edition" All-Musical Issue. It should be on newsstands in February — unless we get a letter that asks us to run fewer musicals in the magazine! You'll just have to wait and see! Fingers crossed, J.A.! —Ed.

WHAT'S THE MOTTO WITH YOU?

In your response to Tomas Vebeliunas in issue #536 you say "What, Me Worry?" will not appear until 2017 but it actually appears in THE SAME ISSUE on page 29. It makes me very concerned about the editorial review going on over there and slipping standards. Please assure us that this kind of sloppy work will not again appear in MAD.

Rob Harris • New York, NY

Verbal Harris-ment — Dang it! We promised ourselves we'd be more careful! And not just about using Alfred's catchphrase — we also swore that we wouldn't print any moronic letters from nitpicking nabobs of negativism! Yet, as you can see, we did that very thing! How'd we let this happen? It must be those "slipping standards" you're so concerned about, Rob. The fact that we ran your letter is indeed a tragic low point — but hopefully this will be the wake-up call the magazine's editors so dearly need. And we owe it all to your insipid, pointless letter. Thanks for writing! —Ed.

ABANDONMENT (OF) ISSUES

Around where I live there are no stores where they sell MAD Magazine...NONE!!! I have to take a 20-minute drive to the nearest Barnes & Noble to get one. Now that my mom has sprained her leg, she no longer wants to drive because her foot will hurt. Considering that I am 13, it is pretty hard to drive myself. I haven't even seen a MAD in a whole four months! My life is slowly corrupting. Please help...

Ariana Marie • New York, NY

The More the Marie-r — You've gone four whole months without seeing an issue of MAD? That sounds like a dream come true! We're around this garbage all day, every day, and if you think YOUR life is "corrupting," you have no idea how bad it could be. When we fall asleep we have Fold-in dreams! (It sounds fun, but it's horrifying!) Still, we feel your pain — and here's a crazy idea that you (and your mom) would probably go for: just subscribe to the magazine, ya knucklehead! You'll get every issue, you'll save money and your mom can protect her precious little footsie. (Wimp!) Never let it be said that we don't help our fans (give us their money)! Call 1-800-4MADMAG or go online to madmag.com and start living a better life now! —Ed.



THE SHUN WILL COME OUT

I recently wrote you guys a letter, and to my deep and absolute shame, it was published. However, I was placated by the free stuff. Anyway, I told my friends about the cool stuff I got, and they asked where I got it. As soon as I uttered the words "MAD Magazine," all my friends had to "use the bathroom." Since that regrettable incident, none of my friends have even bothered to look at me. I hope you are all happy that my friends have shunned me. Next time, make some kind of fine print entailing that this could happen.

Ben Blaesing • Munster, IN

Blaesing in Disguise — Thanks for writing! We're so happy to hear from you again! We hope that everything is going well in Munster — and that you're getting a kick out of having another letter printed in MAD!* Take care of yourself, buddy! —Ed.

*Having your letter printed in MAD can cause your so-called "friends" to "use the bathroom" — whatever the heck that means — once they learn the source of the resultant Letters and Tomatoes giveaways. MAD Magazine is not legally responsible for any averted glances or shunning caused by aforementioned giveaways. Writing follow-up letters to MAD to complain about said shunning is not advisable, as this will likely result in even more social isolation — a condition that, as a MAD reader, you should probably get used to anyway.

THE PEST OF TIMES

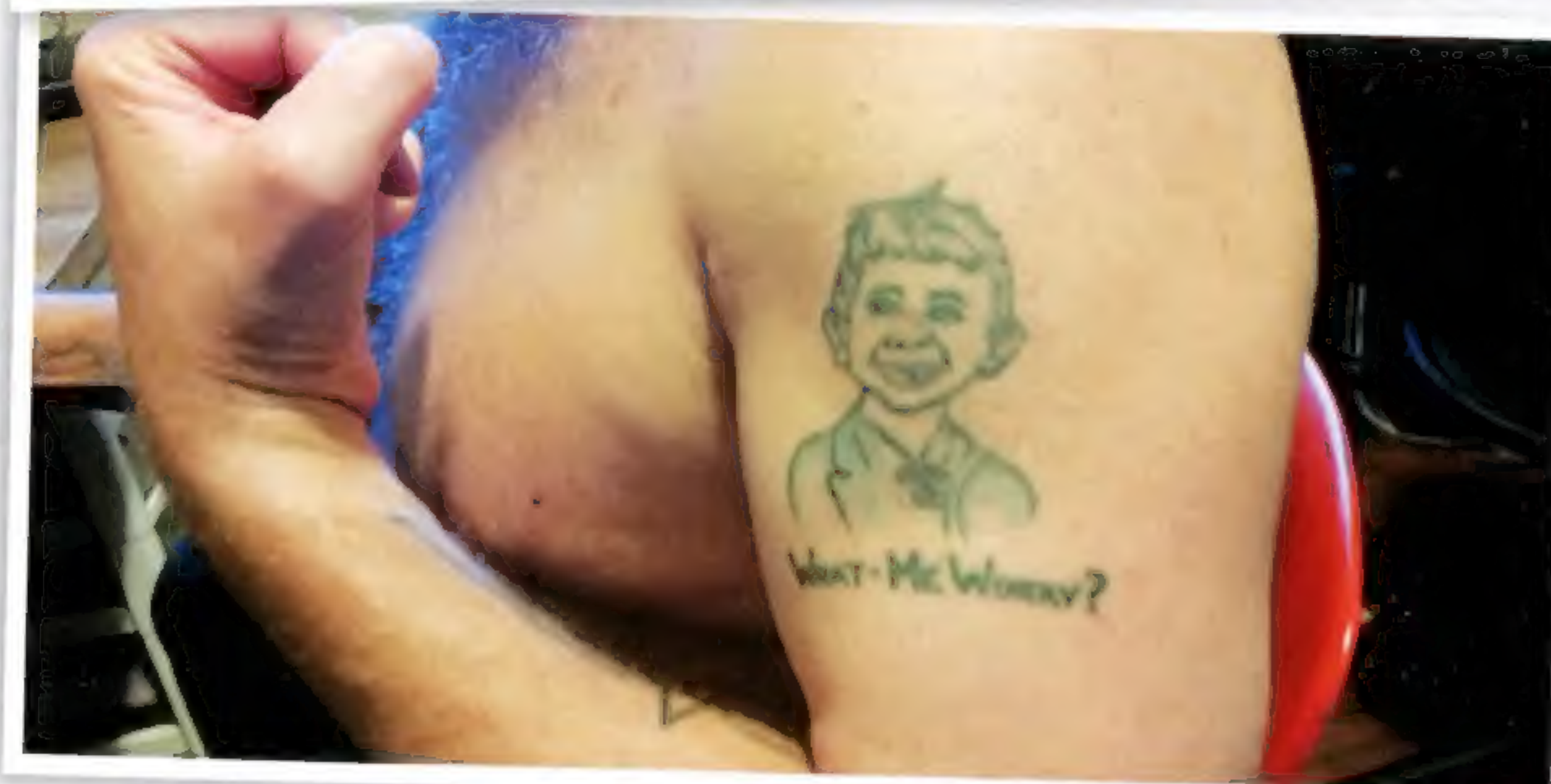
I was reading MAD in Warren Park when a large raccoon showed up and said he wanted to read my MAD. What should I have done? Please help.

Daniel Staub Weinberg • Gary, IN

Turning Water Into Weinberg — Whenever this happens to us when we're in Gary, Indiana's famed Warren Park, enjoying a sunny afternoon on one of its few hobo-free benches, we generally do what the raccoon asks of us. So what you should've done was handed over your copy of MAD and then waited patiently for the animal to finish with it. Trust us, you would've gotten your MAD back within a matter of seconds — our research shows that most raccoons skim Spy vs. Spy, do the Fold-in and then toss the magazine! —Ed.

MAD TATTOOS

Paul Richards of Portland, Oregon sent us these photos of his two MAD tattoos, which — no offense, Paul — are a few notches down from "Tweety Bird Drinking a Beer" on the ol' tattoo-quality scale. Anyway, thanks for the free publicity — and good luck raising money for the laser removal!



HOME SWEET HOMESCHOOL

Well, he did it. My son Isaac just finished two years of homeschooling and is now the first and only graduate (sort of) of the Alfred E. Neuman Middle School. At least that's what he and I fondly called it. Education and Alfred in the same sentence, can you believe it? But, two years was enough. He's twelve now and headed back to regular public school. Hopefully he can get his education back on track. But don't worry, MAD Magazine remains a core part of his curriculum.

Bob Gluck • New York, NY

Gluck Buddy — Wow...this is historic. You're describing the one and only time that a MAD reader has EVER been at the head of his or her class! We hope he enjoyed it, though, because once he's back in public school he'll be in for a ruuude awakening, since being a "MAD-reading homeschooler" doesn't exactly put you on the fast track to valedictorian! It's not all his fault, though — a student is only as good as his or her teacher. And judging from your letter, this kid was doomed before he even hit homeroom. Best of luck to the lad! —Ed.

STUCK IN A CITY SITUATION

I am 20 years old and have spent 12 wonderful years of my life reading and collecting your magazine. I was delighted to see that in MAD #535, a fan who sent you a letter lived in the same town as me: San Anselmo, California. Apparently, there are two people who live here that choose to waste their time sending you letters! Since I am moving to San Francisco soon, could you please print this letter while I can still say I'm from San Anselmo? I figure there can't be too many more idiots who live in San Anselmo and waste their time with MAD.

Jordan Harari • San Anselmo, CA



Dirty Harari — We looked up San Anselmo (someone had to) — and found that it has a booming population of over 12,000, so it doesn't seem like such an unlikely thing that two people from there might write to MAD. It's not like finding out that two Supreme Court justices have webbed toes, or that two members of One Direction (neither of them Harry Styles) are your long-lost grandfathers! Still, we can understand why you'd want to move on — we're sure that San Anselmo is nice, but it just ain't big enough for two village idiots. Good luck on your move — we're sure your stupidity will shine in the big city! —Ed.

THANKS! A LOT!

I have been reading your bi-monthly publication for quite some time now, and I have to say...wait a second...I just lost my train of thought. I guess that's what comes after being permanently brain damaged from reading your rag. Anyways, recently, I was browsing through eBay, and searched the term "MAD Magazine Lot." Guess what? I found a set of 72 issues from the 2000s for 10 bucks! I'm sure you're very happy about that, where, if I would be to pay the retail price, it would be about ten times the amount, and it would have gone to you! Funny, right? Sorry for that, I know how Sergio has been saving up for that beach house.

Charlie Colan • Haddon Heights, NJ

Obstructed Colan — First of all, you're buying beat-up, used magazines — which, in and of itself, is clearly the sign of a real winner who is conquering all aspects of life. But more importantly, because they're used, that means that some other sucker already bought them...from us. So, we already made our money off of those sales (we don't dwell on numbers, but "untold riches" seems about right). Here's a question, though — by any chance was the online seller you bought from named "MustachioedMerchant"? That's Sergio himself, hawking his old issues online! Looks like you wound up funding his beach house after all, chuckles! He'll get that waterslide yet! —Ed.

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Letters and Tomatoes



SCHMUCK OF AGES

I have been reading MAD Magazine for almost 45 years. I keep hoping it will get better, but it hasn't and I am beginning to lose hope and time. C'mon guys and gals! I'm not going to live forever.

David Quain • Philadelphia, PA

Quain in the Butt — Ugh, tell us about it! We've been waiting just as long and just as impatiently for the letters to get better, too! And there's no hope in sight! Your letter was just a depressing reminder of how bad things are. Thanks for pointing out that you won't live forever, though — that cheered us up a little at the end. —Ed.



READER ALERT

Was your letter printed on these very pages? Well, that's just the tip of the "good news" iceberg, Nanook! You'll also be getting the Blu-ray combo pack of *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*, courtesy of our friends at Paramount Home Media Distribution; a copy of *Schmovie: The Hilarious Game of Made-Up Movies*, from our pals at Schmovie.com; *The Force Awakens: The Visual Dictionary*, courtesy of our chums at DK; *Zen Pencils, Vol. 2* by Gavin Aung Than, from our compadres at Andrews McMeel Publishing; and a *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* Bobble-head from our buds at Funko! What are you waiting for? Get in on the action and make with the writey-write!



PETER KUPER MEETS THE GRAY SPY

At New York Comic-Con in October, Spy vs. Spy writer and artist Peter Kuper had a run-in with none other than the Gray Spy herself (also known as cosplayer Alizah Allen)! Tragically, the bomb went off just a few seconds after this photo was taken, sending forth an explosion of yellow stars (and, somehow, Peter's dentures).



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WHY PLAYBOY IS DROPPING NUDITY FROM THE MAGAZINE

Hugh Hefner is 89 years old. The only pictures that get him excited these days are of soup.

Their editors saw the writing on the wall and predicted that sometime in the near future, people may use the Internet to look at naked women.

They wanted 12-year-olds to be able to read in-depth interviews with Elon Musk without having to hide the magazine under a mattress.

The magazine will now get better placement in the country's six remaining newsstands.



Writer: Kenny Keil
Artist: Anton Emdin

It's part of an elaborate, convoluted plan to finally get Charlie Sheen out of the Playboy Mansion.

They wanted to make more room in the magazine for Party Jokes, hi-fi reviews, jazz & pop polls, *Little Annie Fanny* strips and cartoons of scantily-clad babes who want to bang Santa Claus.

People kept telling them, "I just read it for the articles," and the editors didn't realize it was a joke.

They felt it was finally time to pass the smut baton to *Swank*, *Jugs* and *Bootylicious*.

PRISON BREAK DO'S AND DON'TS



DO

take a moment to savor your first breath of freedom



DON'T

take a moment to post a celebratory selfie on Facebook



DO

get a loved one to smuggle in a handsaw baked into a cake



DON'T

have them write "Congratulations On Your Escape!" in the icing



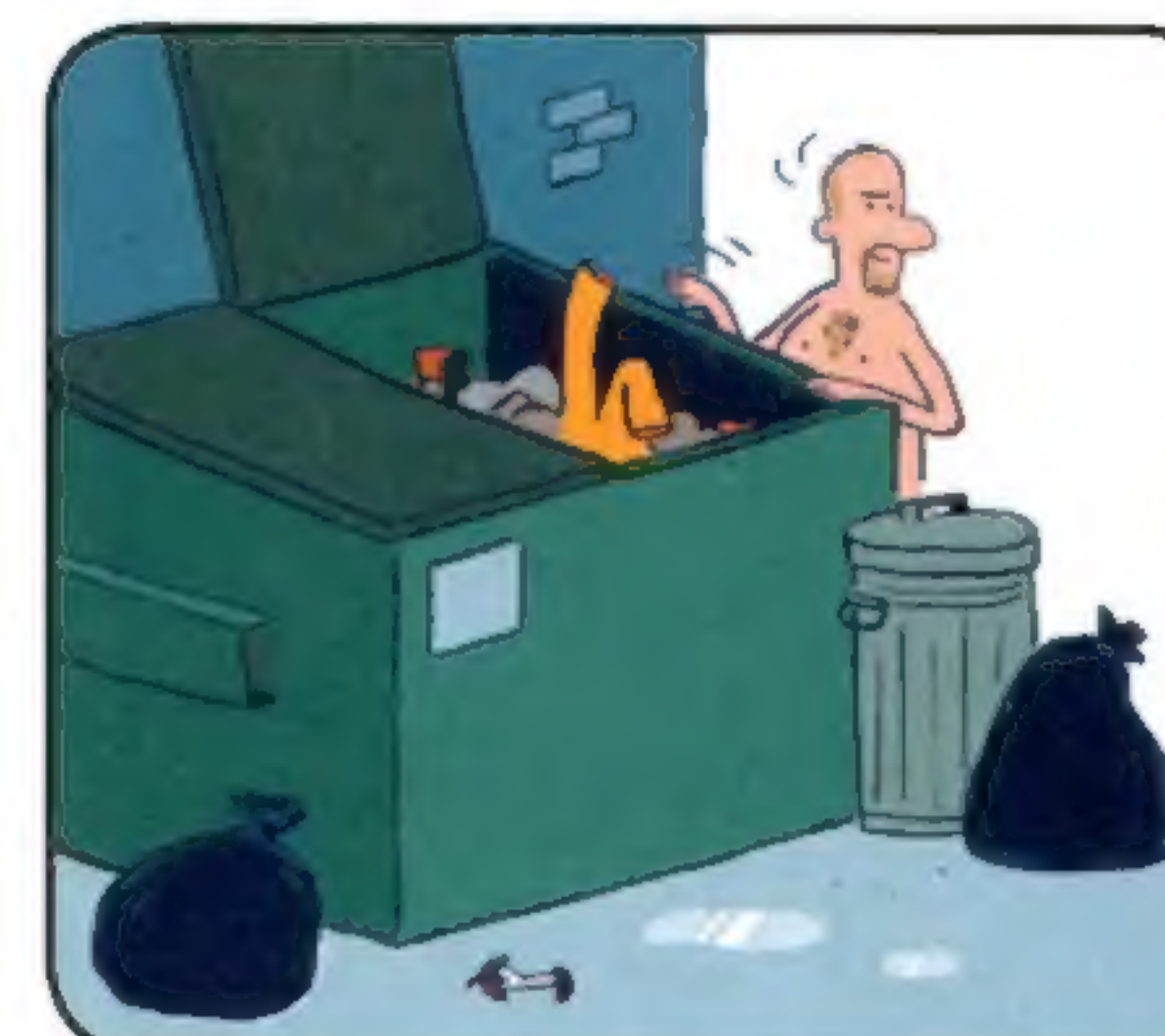
DO

arrange to have a getaway car waiting for you nearby



DON'T

wait until the manhunt starts to download the Uber app



DO

ditch your prison clothes



DON'T

ditch your prison clothes until you have secured some pants

Password Safety Tips

- ★ If you've been using the same old password since you got your first computer years ago, **DON'T** change it. Obviously no one's guessed it yet, so it must be rock-solid.
- ★ To create a strong password: close your eyes, hit 12 random keys without looking, and open your eyes and hit "enter." Congrats! You've created a super strong password! (Note: never sign out of that account because you'll never get back in.)
- ★ Never write your password on a sticky note and affix it to your computer! Hide your password somewhere else — but put a sticky note on your computer explaining where you hid it, in case you forget.
- ★ Whenever possible, substitute letters for numbers and numbers for letters. And vice-versa.
- ★ Consider making your password "Password Incorrect," so in the unfortunate event a hacker does try to break into your account, he'll keep getting a "Password Incorrect" message.

Writer: Dick DeBartolo

Reasons to Cast Celebrities as Advertising Characters



Kim Kardashian as "Flo The Progressive Lady"

- She's already on TV 24 hours a day, so a few more commercials won't make much difference.
- Having to wear the "Flo" costume means she won't be showing her rubbery bare ass every other minute.



Donald Trump as Dos Equis "Most Interesting Man In The World"

- He already *thinks* he's the world's most interesting man.
- Showing him drinking Mexican beer might ease tensions about his crazy immigration comments.



John Travolta as "The Burger King"

- He shares the same shiny, plastic facial features and fake hair as the original.
- Since the Burger King doesn't talk, Travolta will avoid another awkward "Idina Menzel/Adele Dazeem" incident.



Miley Cyrus As "The Coppertone Girl"

- She's used to being almost naked in public.
- Fear of a tongue sunburn will finally make her stick that disgusting thing back into her mouth.

The Fast 5 THE REAL REASONS JOHN BOEHNER RESIGNED FROM CONGRESS

- 1 He's an extreme, obstructionist right-winger, but not an *ultra*-extreme, obstructionist right-winger.
- 2 He wants to spend more time weeping with his family.
- 3 He can make a lot more money whining about Obama on his own Fox News program.
- 4 He wanted to throw the GOP into embarrassing chaos that would make them realize he really wasn't so bad after all, at least compared to that weasel Paul Ryan. (To which we add: Well done, sir!)
- 5 No one's exactly sure why he's leaving, but Congress plans to find out by holding more Benghazi hearings.



Writer: Jeff Kruse
Artist: Paul Coker

FOUNDING FATHER OR GAME OF THRONES CHARACTER?

1. Lambert Cadwalader
2. Tench Coxe
3. Zephaniah Platt
4. Timothy Bloodworth
5. Charles Carroll of Carrollton
6. Paine Wingate
7. Button Gwinnett
8. Cadwalader Morris
9. Peleg Arnold
10. Theodorick Bland
11. Sandor Clegane
12. Eddison Tollett
13. Podrick Payne
14. Bowen Marsh
15. Desmond Crakehall
16. Lommy Greenhands
17. Josiah Hornblower
18. Gunning Bedford
19. Eliphalet Dyer
20. Silas Condict

ANSWERS: 11 through 16 are all "Game of Thrones" characters; the rest are U.S. patriots.



Writer: Desmond Devlin Artist: Rick Tulka

Eponyms That Should Exist

trumpificate

verb – trump-IF-e-cate

To speak with arrogant authority, even though the speaker has absolutely no idea what her or she is talking about

"My idiot boss was trumpificating for nearly an hour."



seppblatter

noun – sep-BLA-tur

A corrupt or morally unscrupulous person; an individual lacking in ethics

"At first I thought Paul was a nice guy, but after he cheated on me and stole my money I knew he was nothing but a lowlife seppblatter."



hannitize

verb – han-uh-TIZE

Making up outrageous and inaccurate facts to support a weak argument

"When she realized she was losing the debate, Lois hannitized a bunch of facts about flying sharks."



Writer: Mike Morse

BITTERMAN



Nick, my boy! Nothing would make me happier than taking you camping! To be honest, I was getting a little worried about you spending all your time alone in your room playing those stupid video games and reading those goofy comic books...



Writer and Artist: Garth Gerhart

It is a period of extreme stupidity. Bitter dissension has engulfed the republic, which is crumbling under attacks by scheming politicians, cheating athletes, deviant celebrities and soulless corporations.

The people watch in horror as the congress seems helpless to stop this chain of events. The incompetents have seized control and common sense has all but been destroyed. Extremists and corrupt candidates have captured the national debate — denying science, employing religion as a cloak to hide their bigotry and engaging in all forms of deceit and dishonesty.

It is a dark time for sound logic.

To combat this anarchy, MAD Magazine has once again dispatched “The Usual Gang of Idiots” on its annual mission to find and expose the worst of the galaxy’s offenders...

THE 20 DUMBEST



PEOPLE, EVENTS AND THINGS OF 2015

1 DONALD TRUMP – GOP FRONTRUNNER THE ART OF THE HEEL

Donald Trump's mouth is just like the hose that drains your septic tank — you never know what's going to come out of it, but you know it won't be good. Whether insulting Mexicans, veterans and women or ridiculing Rand Paul, Roger Ailes and Jeb!, candidate Trump takes delight in traveling around the country in his Trump-logo-embazoned helicopter, leaving voters waist-deep in his verbal diarrhea. And yet, as we go to press, he is in the lead for the Republican nomination for President. How to explain this? Simple. The Donald is just the latest flamboyant, filthy-rich millionaire to capture the attention of the American people.

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THE GREAT
GASBAG



“I don’t have respect for Megyn Kelly—she’s a lightweight... you could see there was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her whatever.”

“When I watch a George Will or a Charles Krauthammer, you know, I’ve watched them for years, they’re losers. They’re just losers.”

“Jeb Bush has to like the Mexican illegals because of his wife.”

“Look at [Carly Fiorina’s] face. Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?”

“Arianna Huffington is unattractive both inside and out. I fully understand why her former husband left her for a man—he made a good decision.”

JOSH DUGGAR OH BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU HANDS?

You have to hand it to Josh Duggar. Well, not really. Ever since he was a teen, when Josh saw something he liked, you didn't have to hand it to him — he just reached out and fondled it. Among his victims were four of his sisters. Fortunately for Josh, he has two caring parents. Specifically, they cared about covering up his deviant habits so they could go on making millions on their reality show, *19 Kids and Counting*. Meanwhile, Josh moved on to the dating site for cheating spouses, Ashley Madison, and paying for sex with porn stars. In the 1950s, some claimed that reading comic books caused juvenile delinquency and worse. In this case, the cause can be traced to two self-righteous parents who refused to do anything to stop their sexually twisted son.

DEPRAVITY



TALES OF THE CREEP

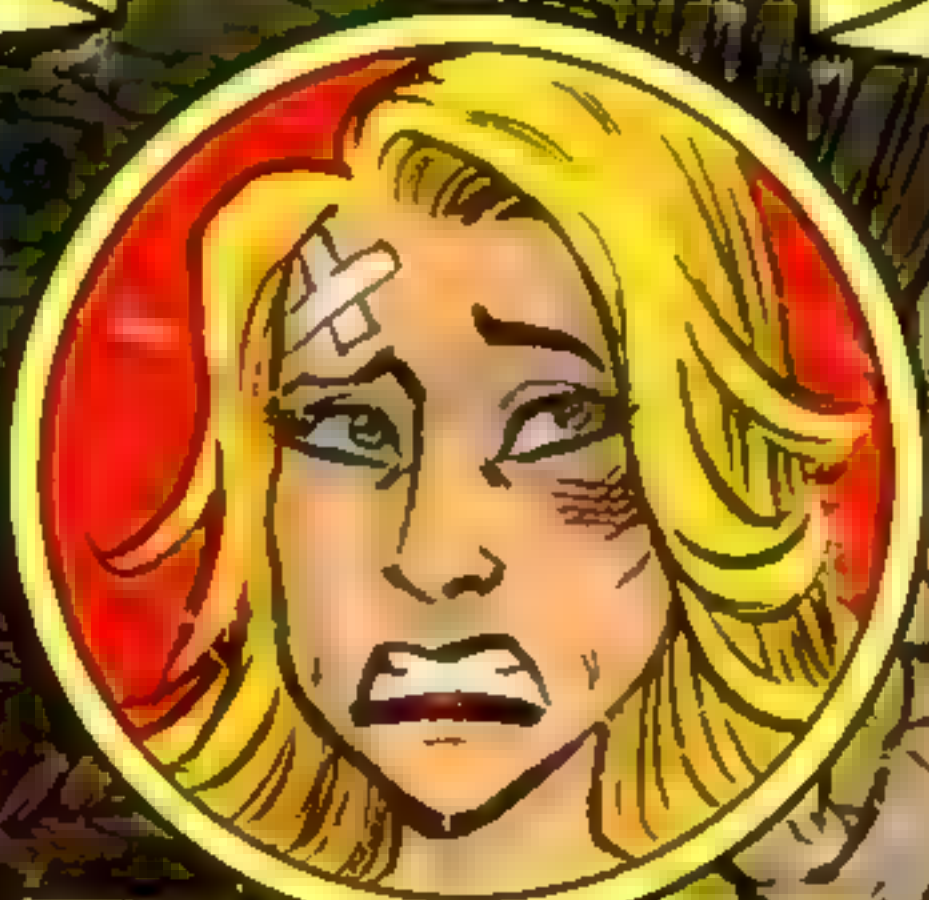
FEATURING...



JOSH DUGGAR
THE DEVIANT



JIM BOB AND
MICHELLE DUGGAR
THE COMPLICIT PARENTS



DANICA DILLON
VICTIMIZED PORN STAR



ARTIST: TONY MOORE

"German engineering"! Most automakers strive to produce a fuel-efficient engine that meets clean air standards. But why work harder when you can work smarter when you can work underhandedly? That's the pollution-filled road Volkswagen went down when it rigged its emissions while being tested — and emit up to FORTY TIMES the legal levels of pollutants when driven on the road! But as the is some good news! "German engineering" has finally created a car as deadly as those with Honda airbags and GM ignition switches

THE ILLICIT ENGINE THAT COULD



Vroom vroom vroom. Puff puff puff. It was the little Volkswagen diesel car's big day. The day that she had to meet emissions standards to comply with the U.S. Clean Air Act.



"Oh dear," said the little VW diesel car. "The standards are so high. I will never make it up to federally-mandated levels." And the little VW diesel car started to cry.



"We can help," said the Volkswagen technicians. The clown said, "Have you ever heard of a 'defeat device'?"



The elephant said, "It automatically switches your pollution controls on, whenever you are being tested." The teddy bear said, "But at all other times, it secretly shuts them off!"



"Do you mean I can emit up to 40 times the legal amount of hazardous emissions any time I am driving?" asked the little VW diesel car. "Won't that cause severe lung ailments in the general population?" "What do we care?" laughed the monkey. "We're toys! No lungs, no cancer!"



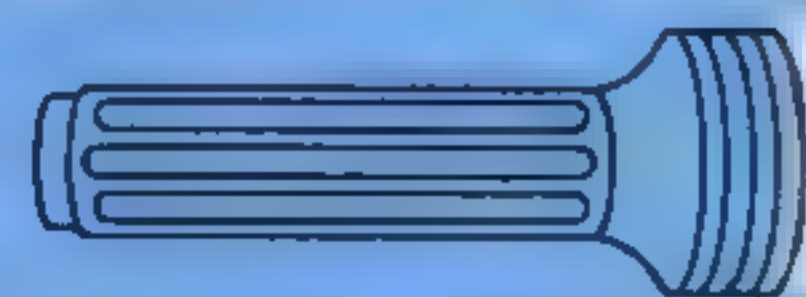
The pretty blonde doll then said in a quiet voice, "Do you think you can keep your mouth shut for eight years while we conspire to break the law?"



The little VW diesel car said, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can." And all the toys cheered and cheered, as the blue sky turned to rusty brown.

When word leaks out that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton set up a secret email server, amateur detectives Trey Gowdy and his political brother Jim Jordan set out to find out what the future presidential candidate was trying to hide. Despite intense pressure from the liberal media (who label the Freedom Caucus pair as part of a “vast right wing conspiracy”), the sleuths are determined to investigate Hillary’s puzzling and contradictory statements. What was in her 50,000 mysteriously deleted emails? Is it possible some of them contained top-secret, classified information? And who is the strange, shadowy figure called Sidney Blumenthal? Stonewalling, misleading statements, inappropriate laughter. It’s the young crime solvers’ most baffling and dangerous case ever!

THE GOWDY BOYS



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HILLARY'S SECRET SERVER



ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS

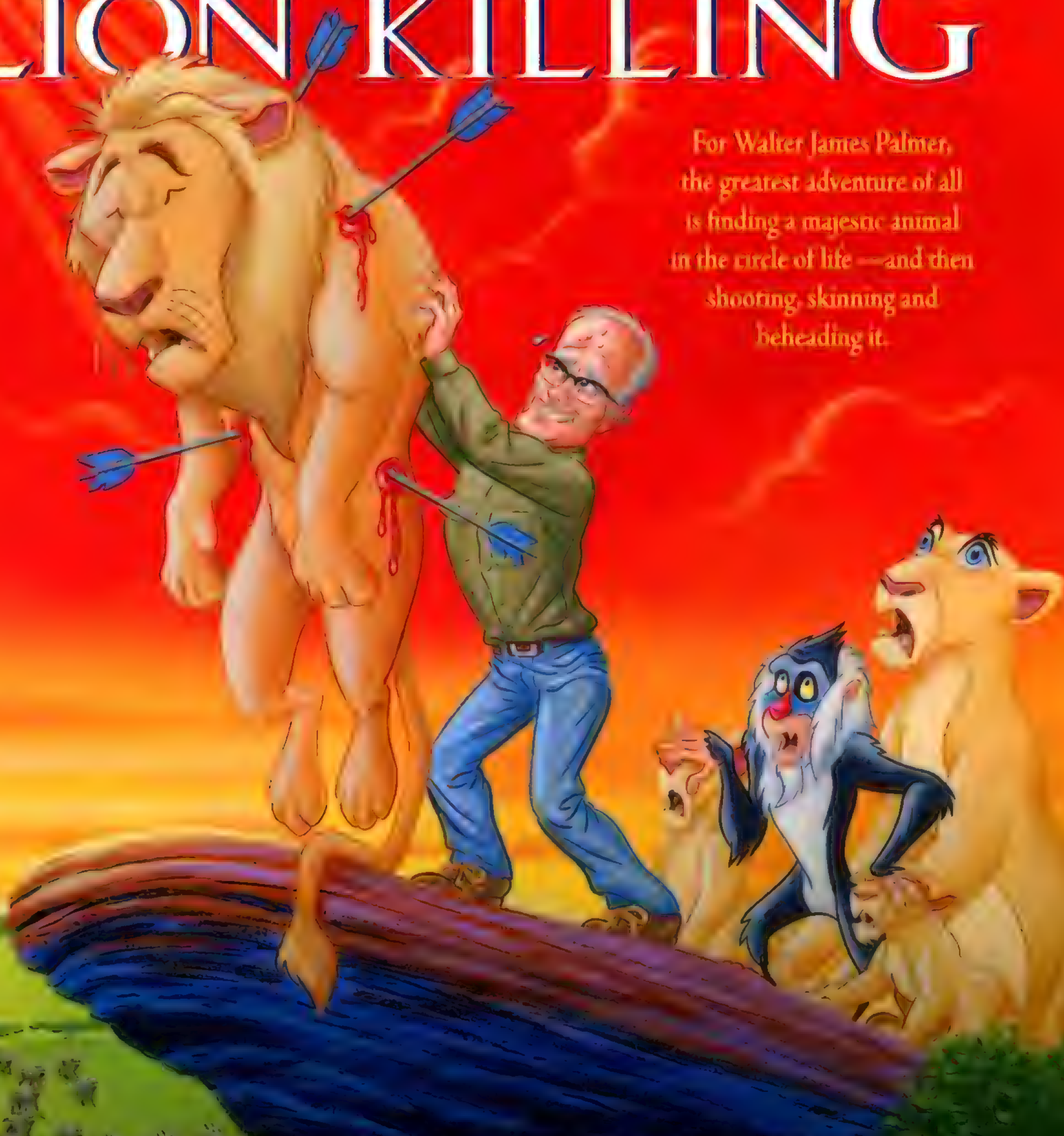
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DENTIST KILLS CECIL THE LION A PREY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

If you're a Midwestern dentist, you probably spend your free time in a pretty low-key way. Maybe you take in a movie or go camping with the boys. Or, if you're Minnesota scum-bucket Walter Palmer, you fly to Zimbabwe and pay 50 grand to a team of sketchy dirtbags to help you lure, injure, track and kill a beloved lion named Cecil. After the internet exploded with anger over Palmer's heinous act in July, he scurried into hiding, fearing for his life and giving him a hint of how Cecil felt during his final hours. Next time, instead of going on one of his sickening "exotic" hunting trips, we recommend he do something more conventional — like staying in and watching a movie (maybe something animated).

THE LION KILLING

For Walter James Palmer, the greatest adventure of all is finding a majestic animal in the circle of life — and then shooting, skinning and beheading it.

**SUSPICIOUS STORY BY LOCAL HUNTING GUIDES****EXPEDITION SUPERVISOR NONE****EXECUTION PRODUCER WALTER JAMES PALMER****CO-STARRING AN ALL-STAR CAST OF OUTRAGED AND GRIEF-STRICKEN CELEBRITIES****RICKY GERVAIS MIA FARROW OLIVIA WILDE DEBRA MESSING JIMMY KIMMEL AND MORE!**

Yes, an animal was harmed in the making of this film.

WRITER: DARREN JOHNSON

ARTIST: BILL MORRISON

A PLAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

The Seattle Seahawks' Pete Carroll is widely regarded as a modern coaching legend. He's one of only three to have won an NCAA championship and a Super Bowl, and as Bill Belichick's predecessor in New England, he holds the distinction of being the last Patriots coach to have worn a collared shirt!



- 1 Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll sends into the huddle an idiotic play-call: Pass.
- 2 Unstoppable Pro-Bowl running back Marshawn Lynch mutters to himself: "WTF?"
- 3 Quarterback Russell Wilson takes the snap, drops back to pass, and mutters to himself, "Why am I not handing the ball to unstoppable Pro-Bowl running back Marshawn Lynch?"
- 4 Wilson throws a pass over the middle into heavy traffic which is intercepted by the Patriots' rookie cornerback, Malcolm Butler.
- 5 Unstoppable Pro-Bowl running back Marshawn Lynch mutters to himself: "WTF?"
- 6 Wilson walks off the field in defeat.
- 7 Carroll heads off the field and directly into the 2015 MAD 20 with the worst call in sports history.

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THE CONFEDERATE FLAG SOUTHERN DISCOMFORT

Let's not jump to any conclusions! Just because white supremacists rallied 'round the Confederate battle flag when lynching blacks (as recently as the 1960s), that doesn't mean the flag is a symbol of ugly racism, prejudice and slavery. Of course not! It's a symbol of "Southern pride," just like a swastika is a symbol of "German pride" and has nothing at all to do with that Hitler fellow. But a mass shooting inspired by the ideology the flag represents led to it finally being removed from the South Carolina Statehouse — though, unfortunately, it is still waved by many deep in the heart of Dixie.

I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the Confederate states of America,
and to the racism for which it stands,
one divided nation, under our God,
with liberty and justice for
all white heterosexuals.



ROBERT DURST CONFESSES ON HBO THE FOOL ON THE KILL

Robert Durst has lived a charmed life — sure, he's the heir to a massive real estate fortune, but forget about that! We're talking about the three murders he (allegedly) committed and got away with, scot-free! They were the perfect crimes, except he made one mistake — he reached out to director Andrew Jarecki and talked about the killings for a documentary on HBO. We can't fathom Durst's terrible decision (If you want to be on HBO, just settle for a cameo on *Girls* and be done with it!) — but serial killers aren't exactly known for their keen judgment. One thing is for sure, though: after many years, this crime story is getting the ending it deserves. Too bad HBO didn't do the same for *The Sopranos*!

The DURST-CASE SCENARIO Indictment Handbook

HOW TO:

- Make Your Wife Disappear
- Kill & Dismember a Neighbor
- Execute a Troublesome Friend
- ... And Then Talk WAAAAAY Too Much

3 Tell your story in the most awkward, emotionally detached — and overall creepiest way possible.

Twitch every few seconds and/or each time you tell a lie.



Speak in a calm, casual voice while describing even the most heinous acts.

4 Wait patiently while the director pieces together a thorough and damning case against you.



If you grow impatient, use this time to stalk your brother.

5 Meet with the filmmaker again. This is where he will paint you into a corner.



WHAT NOT TO DO

- Listen to your attorney.

HOW TO THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY F*CK YOURSELF OVER

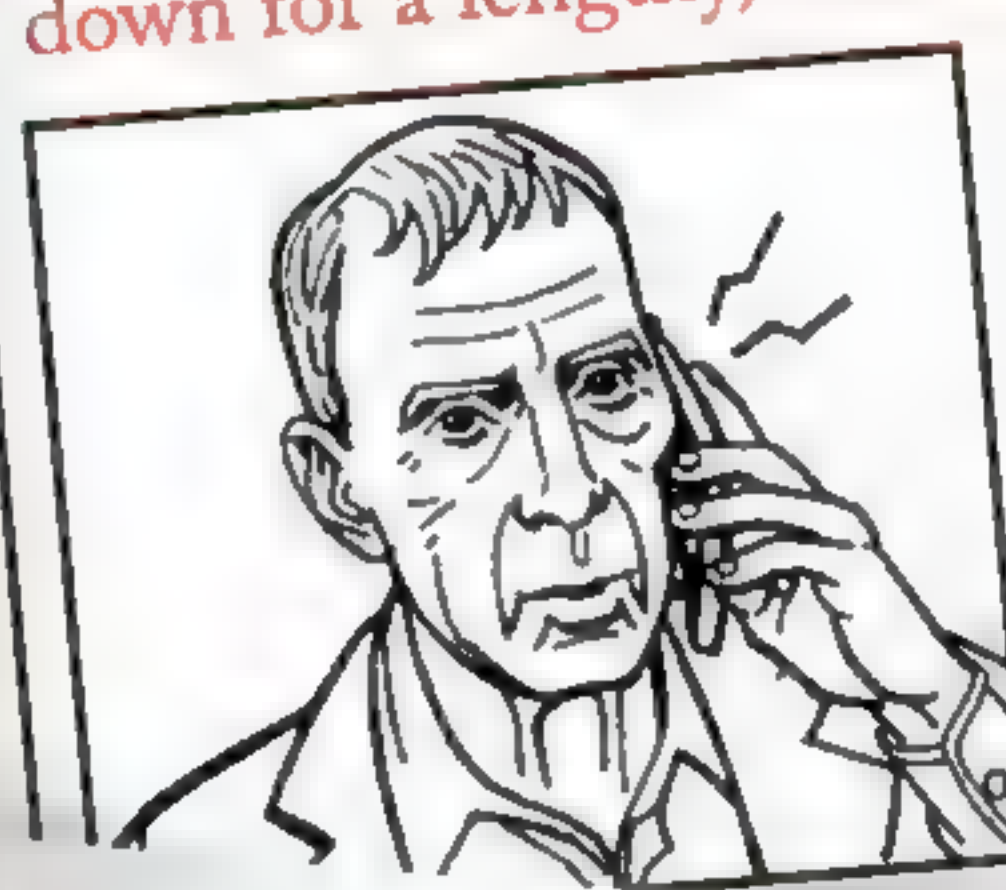
1 Over the course of 20 years, murder your wife, your neighbor and your best friend.



WHAT NOT TO DO

- Get caught.

2 Inexplicably reach out to a filmmaker and offer to sit down for a lengthy, intimate interview.



6 Throw up in your mouth as you all but confess.

7 Head to the restroom without taking off your microphone — and actually admit your guilt.

WHAT THE HELL DID I DO? KILLED THEM ALL, OF COURSE!



8 Smile for the camera!



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THE MAYWEATHER-PACQUIAO FIGHT

LET'S GET READY TO SLUMMMMMBER!

The welterweight title bout between Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao truly had it all: a villainous, Bieber-loving cretin (Mayweather), a Bible-pounding Filipino congressman (Pacquiao) and suckers willing to pay \$100 to see it on Pay-Per-View. (You!) The only thing the so-called "Fight of the Century" wound up lacking was an actual fight. The thing was a tedious, largely punch-free slog that — surprise! — turned out to be a bald-faced cash grab by two aging zillionaires and their greasy promotion teams. All we can say (in our best Frodo voice) is, "We wish they had never gotten into the ring."



THE BORES OF THE RING

AN EPIC SNOOZE SIX YEARS IN THE MAKING

FLOYD MAYWEATHER | MANNY PACQUIAO
4.4 MILLION FURIOUS PAY-PER-VIEW VIEWERS | AND JUSTIN BIEBER AS GOLLUM

MAY 2015

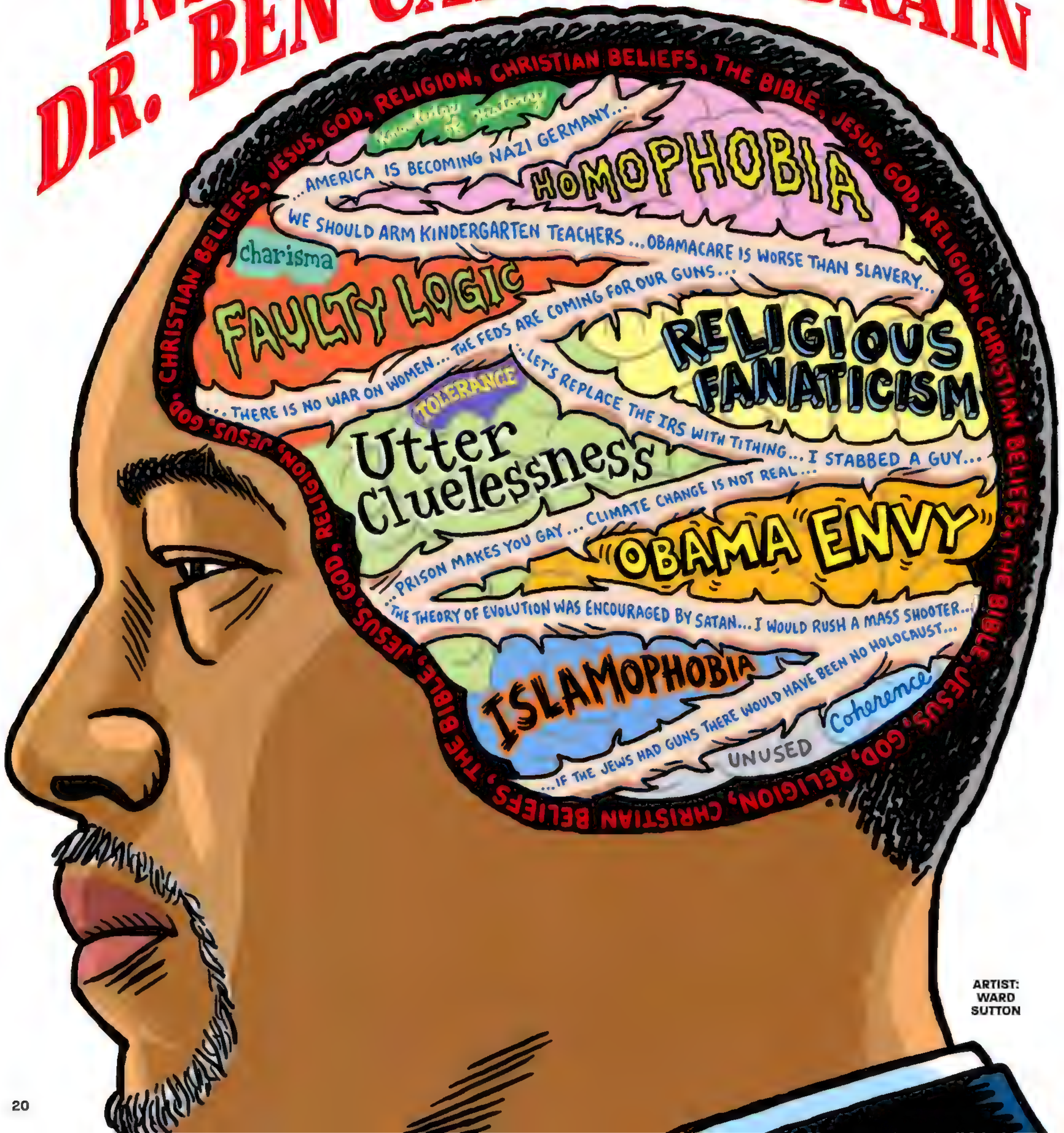
THE LISTLESS SHUFFLE BEGINS

ARTIST: MARK STUTZMAN

BEN CARSON'S BIZARRE STATEMENTS THE DOCTOR IS IN-SANE

It wasn't so long ago that brain surgeons were universally thought of as supremely intelligent — or at the very least a little smarter than you. But Dr. Ben Carson changed all that by proving to the world that even a brain surgeon can be a total crackpot. Whether making one of his insane America/Nazi Germany comparisons, discussing the pyramids' "true use," or pontificating about the horrors of Obamacare, Carson seems to be suffering from the most severe case of chronic fatigue syndrome we've ever seen! Before running for President, physician, heal thyself!

INSIDE DR. BEN CARSON'S BRAIN



ARTIST:
WARD
SUTTON

11 AMAZON'S HORRIFIC WORKING CONDITIONS

PRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Amazon's working conditions are so horrific that even the most hardened of workers are being driven to the brink of insanity. The company's relentless pursuit of efficiency and profit has led to a culture of fear and punishment. Workers are often forced to work long hours, with no breaks, and are subject to constant surveillance and criticism. The physical environment is often unsafe, with poor ventilation and inadequate lighting. The mental toll is immense, with many workers reporting anxiety, depression, and even suicidal thoughts. Amazon's treatment of its employees has become a national scandal, with the company's reputation in tatters. It's time for Amazon to face the consequences of its actions and provide its workers with the same respect and dignity that it claims to value.

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Your Prime

Wish List

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Amazon Worker's Wishlist

Create a List List settings




"Hang in There" Kitty Poster

This frame-ready poster contains just the right words to inspire and encourage you while working at the office until 3 A.M. on a Sunday morning.

\$5.91 Prime

Add to Cart




Pepto-Bismol

5-gallon size is perfect for anyone under so much stress from their job that they've developed a bleeding ulcer the size of a casaba melon.

\$79.50 Prime

Add to Cart




Escape Rope Ladder

Whether it's to get chemo treatment, give birth, attend your mother's funeral or some other major life event that your manager wouldn't allow you to take off work for, this escape ladder allows you to slip in and out without being detected.

\$32.11 Prime

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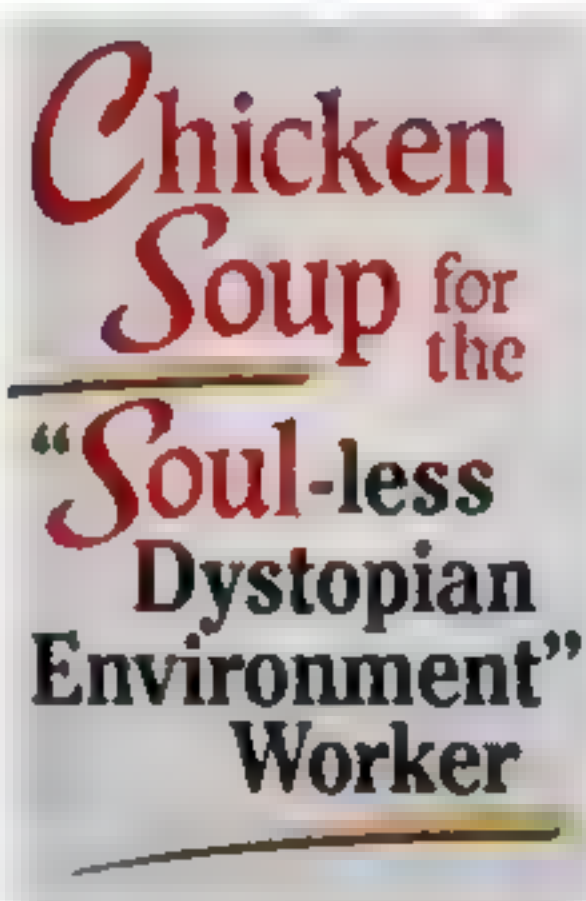


Depend Adult Diapers

These disposable undergarments allow you to urinate or have a bowel movement without having to leave your desk. Super-absorbent, one diaper will easily contain the bodily waste of the average human during a 16-hour work day.

\$16.24 Prime

Add to Cart




Chicken Soup for the "Soul-less Dystopian Environment" Worker

Based on a direct quote from *The New York Times'* damning Amazon exposé, *Chicken Soup for the "Soul-less, Dystopian Environment" Worker* is a balm for the wounded psyche of any harried Amazon worker. Special foreword by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos threatens employees with immediate termination if caught reading this book on company time.

\$11.62 Prime

Add to Cart




Picture Frame

Display that special photo of the family you only get to see 2-3 hours a week on your desk in this classic 5"x7" black frame. An ideal companion to our "Hang in There" Kitty Poster to longingly gaze at when working at the office until 3 A.M. on a Sunday morning.

\$10.60 Prime

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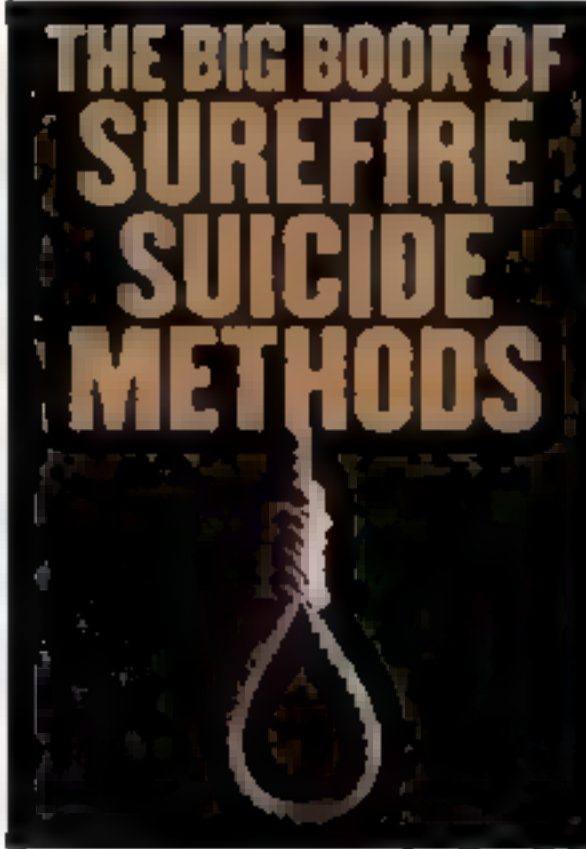
Kleenex Tissue

Never shed tears and snot all over important work documents and office equipment again! This jumbo-sized 8-pack contains enough triple-ply tissues for a month's worth* of crying jags that come whenever you make the mistake of pondering the terrible toll working for a ruthless and heartless corporation has had on your health and personal life.

*Includes working Saturdays and Sundays

\$11.78 Prime

Add to Cart



The Big Book of Surefire Suicide Methods

This book is considered by experts to be the gold standard for those who are literally trapped in soul-crushing office jobs and can see no other way out. From hanging yourself at your desk to slashing your wrists with the jagged edge of a tape dispenser, *The Big Book of Surefire Suicide Methods* will be the last book you'll ever need.

\$13.44 Prime

Currently Out of Stock. More on the Way!

Tom Brady has long had a well-earned reputation as a smug, shallow, excessively vain, aloof prima donna. Now he can add "cheater" to that impressive list. In last year's AFC Championship Game, the duplicitous New England quarterback broke the rules by having footballs deflated so he could grip them better in the cold weather. He was caught and suspended for four games. But Brady appealed in court and lucked out even more than he did in the Super Bowl when Pete Carroll decided to not hand the ball off to Marshawn Lynch (see #6 on page 16), thereby delivering the Pats the game and Brady the MVP! A judge ruled that if there is one person in the country with less integrity than Brady, it's NFL Commish Roger Goodell. So, Brady's suspension was revoked, proving that "cheating isn't everything, it's the only thing."

THE PAT AND THE FLAT



Throughout all New England
We heard the same sound,
"Just beat the Colts
And we're Super Bowl bound!"

Then a Colt intercepted
And let out a cry,
"This ball is not right –
It's just 10 p.s.i.!"



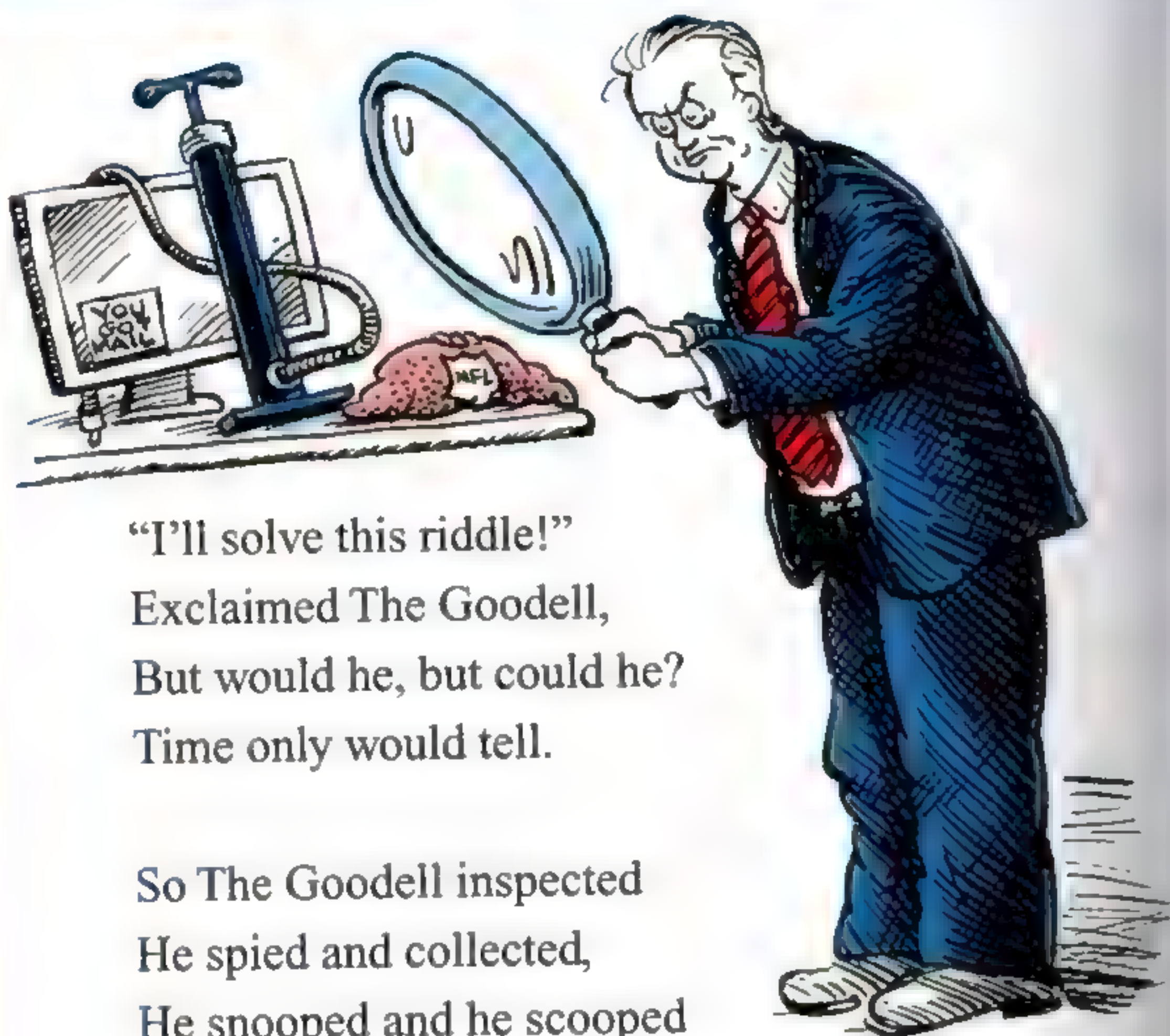
And the ref then shouted
"Wait! Wait!" – so we waited.
"It appears," said the ref,
"This ball's been deflated!"

Who could have performed
Such a treacherous feat?
All fingers were pointed
At Bill Belicheat.



But Bill didn't do it,
Not him, not this time.
So who was the culprit?
Who committed this crime?

Then whispers were whispered:
"Did the QB do that?"
"No, I did not!"
Said The Pat of the Flat.



"I'll solve this riddle!"
Exclaimed The Goodell,
But would he, but could he?
Time only would tell.

So The Goodell inspected
He spied and collected,
He snooped and he scooped
And he even detected.

"He did it! He did it!"
Exclaimed The Goodell,
"It was his fault –
He's as guilty as hell!"

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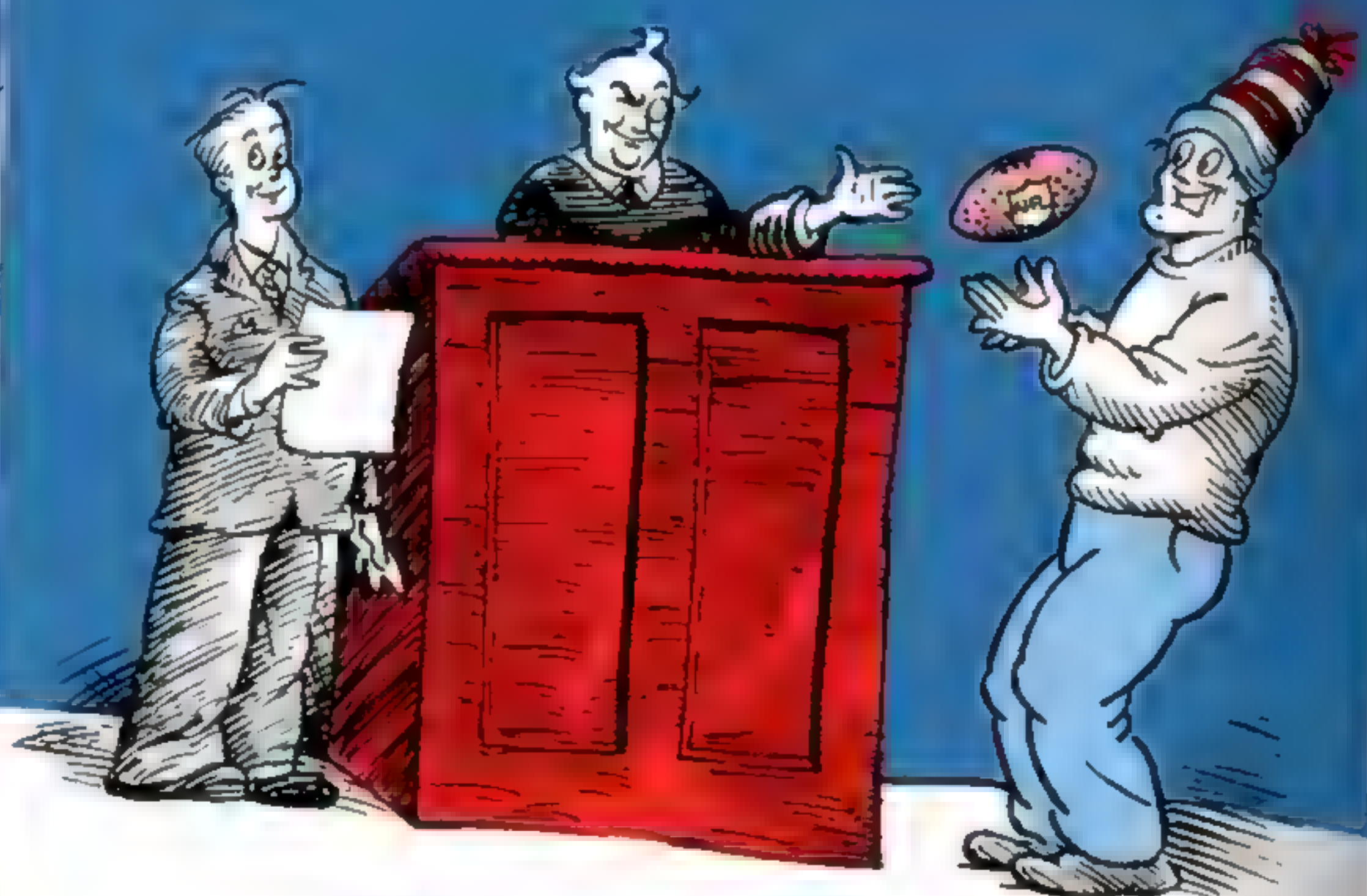
"Who, me?" said the Pat.
"I'm so manly, yet cute.
I'm rich and have talent
Plus charming to boot!"



"Give us your phone!"
The Goodell said, annoyed.
"I cannot," said The Pat,
"My phone's been destroyed!"

"Suspended – four games!"
The Goodell then decreed.
"He let out the air!
He cheated and lied!"

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"Hold on!" said The Lawyer.
"The Goodell has a grudge
Against my poor client,"
He whined to The Judge.

And lo and behold
From the bench where he sat,
The Judge he then ruled for
The Pat and the Flat.

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So what have we learned?
Just that cheating is wrong,
Unless you can hire
A law firm that's strong.

And also some folks
Have more lives than a cat,
And one of those folks
Is the Pat and the Flat!



Dr. Hallgren

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FIFA CORRUPTION A SERIOUS BLATTER INFECTION

Most Americans don't give a s#t about soccer. Ask the average guy what FIFA is, and he'll probably say it's a cartoon character or a new punk band from Finland. But FIFA stands for *Fédération Internationale de Football Association*. It also stands for massive corruption. Soccer players can't use their hands, but the soccer organization's officials were all hands when they grabbed millions in illegal payouts. In a shocking development, 14 FIFA officials were indicted by the Justice Department in May. What was shocking was that it was the same Justice Department that failed to indict a single GM official for covering up the faulty ignition switches which led to 124 deaths — something all Americans do give a s#t about. Well, at least somebody is going to jail!

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF "F%@!ED UP" AND "THE 70-YEAR-OLD VERMIN"

BRIBES MADE



CORRUPT FIFA OFFICIALS IN ASSOCIATION WITH HIGH-PRICED GRAFE PRESENT A SEPP BLATTER PRODUCTION "BRIBES MADE" STARRING SEPP BLATTER AND HIS SCHEMING BOARD OF DISHONEST, UNSCRUPULOUS, AMORAL, UNPRINCIPLED, VENAL, UNDERHANDED, DOUBLE-DEALING, UNETHICAL, FRAUDULENT, CRIMINAL, BOTTOM-FEEDING, NEFARIOUS, POOP-SNIFFING WEASELS
PRODUCED BY 150 MILLION DOLLARS IN PAYOFFS BITTER FEELINGS PROVIDED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO LOST THE WORLD CUP TO FREAKIN' QATAR

PG PERNICIOUS GREED

RELEASE DATE: NO TIME SOON

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

14 WHAT
CONTROVERSIAL
BILL HAS DONE
IRREPARABLE HARM TO
AN UNTOLD NUMBER
OF AMERICANS?

HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION **MAD 20 FOLD-IN**

It's easy to dismiss something terrible just because it doesn't affect you, or is unpleasant to think about. But some things are so bad, they demand attention — because too many people have been sleeping through a series of travesties. At some point, it becomes impossible to ignore the sheer number of victims. Even the staunchest defenders are finally coming around to the awful truth.



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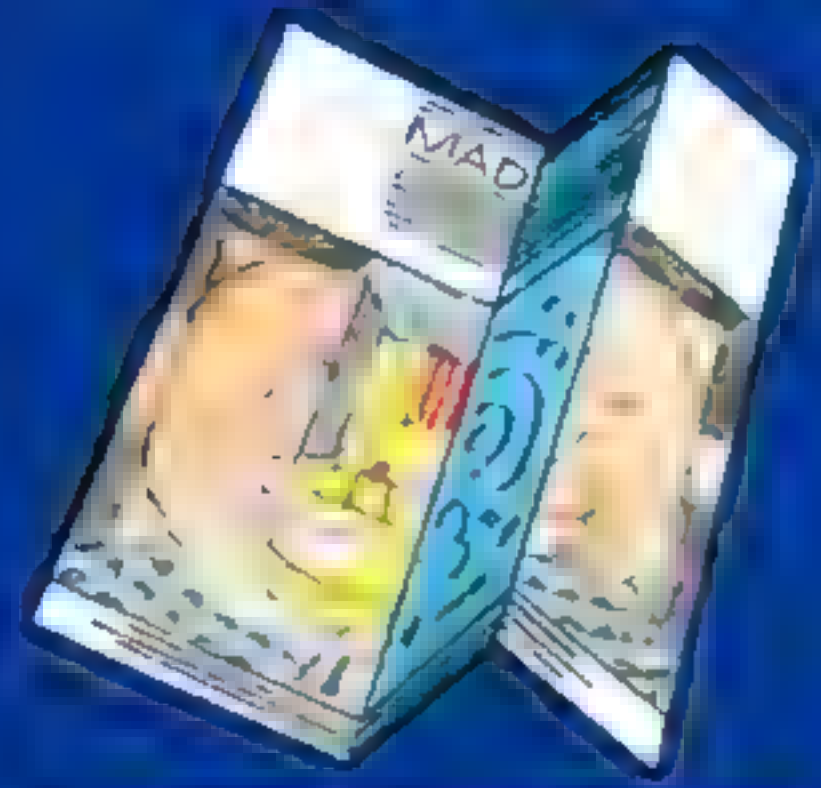
CERTAIN PUBLIC REVELATIONS CAUSE
BITTERNESS. THIS YEAR, WE WERE ALL
SHOCKED BY A TRULY BAD BILL. THE
COST FOR THOSE AFFECTED DIRECTLY IS, BY
ANY MEASURE, EXTREMELY AWFUL

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WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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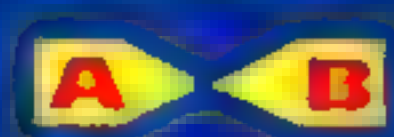


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SEAWORLD A WHALE OF A FAIL

SeaWorld has gotten itself into some hot saltwater lately. Its practice of capturing killer whales and training them to perform stupid tricks in pools 1/64 millionth the size of the world's oceans is akin to asking your fat Uncle George to come live in the tub in your guest bathroom — and then making him amuse your friends whenever they stop by. When SeaWorld's cruelty was made public, the company had two choices: let their whales go, or launch an expensive marketing blitz trying to convince the public that they really are an altruistic "animal rescue" organization, giving the whales a better life than they'd have in their natural habitat. Which do you think they did? Of course they went for the pathetic marketing blitz. Only when that failed did they announce that they would phase out their orca shows. Nice try, SeaWorld, but when it comes to trying to salvage your reputation, that ship has sailed off to the seas, where your whales should have been all along.



An Open Letter to SeaWorld Customers

Since 1964, we at SeaWorld have been proud to provide a passable alternative for tourists who are two seconds away from shooting themselves if they have to spend a fifth day at Disneyland.

Recently, though, SeaWorld has taken heavy criticism for the way we cage and treat our animals. We chose not to respond. Our critics said we were heartless, but we chose not to respond. Our critics said we were inhumane, but we chose not to respond. SeaWorld attendance has plunged by more than a million, and our stock value has cratered. Please allow us to respond!

Here at SeaWorld, we consider the whales to be a part of our family. And you can never ever escape from your family.

Our very first orca whale, Torsa, debuted in 1964. Our second orca whale, Shamu, replaced Torsa two weeks later, after we learned that whales cannot survive in a tank filled with Pepsi. That discovery cost us a lucrative sponsorship, but we were forced to make the switch to water — because a greater understanding of whales' habitats is an important part of our fundamental research mission! And although our individual whale performers have come and gone, we are proud to have continued using the same original water from 1964.

The critics say our whales and dolphins are sick and stressed. Not true! That's just pre-show jitters! Our animals love their public and want to perform so much that they can psyche themselves out. If you knew you had to launch yourself 30 feet out of the water and ring a cowbell with your nose, exactly timed to the instrumental bridge in "Walking on Sunshine," three shows a day (and five on weekends), you might get an occasional case of stage fright, too!

Our animal rescue teams have helped sea turtles off the coast of Mexico. We've treated injured manatees in the Caribbean and beached sharks in Australia. From African coastlines to the Pacific depths, our rescue teams are there. The only place we don't allow animal rescue teams is inside SeaWorld!

As for food, each of our whales enjoys 200 pounds daily of top quality herring, mackerel and salmon — supplemented by leftover French fries, anything edible that visitors chuck into the water. and — every so often — one of our slow-to-react trainers. In this job market, that means unexpected devour-tunity! Résumés and legal waivers are now being accepted!

So come to SeaWorld and enjoy our spectacular animal shows without guilt. Remember, whales' tears aren't visible in the water. Afterwards, dine at one of our many seafood restaurants, where our menus let you get "up close and personal" with whales that got too old to do the tricks.

Ahab Kachoday

Ahab Kachoday
Corporate Communications Director



JARED FOGLE, PEDOPHILE TROUBLE WITH THE PERV

Disgusting. Reprehensible. Despicable. Subway's food has been called many things. But this year, those adjectives better described the actions of the sandwich chain's spokesperson, Jared Fogle, who was charged with having sex with minors and possessing child pornography. That kind of loathsome behavior was more than enough reason for Subway to sever ties with Fogle (especially since the fast-food industry doesn't tolerate criminal activity beyond petty hamburglary). Jared is looking at some (well-deserved) jail time, but after that, who knows if Subway will take him back? One thing is for sure, though — he'll be making plenty of personal appearances...at neighbors' houses to identify himself as a registered sex offender.

We thought he only **HUNGERED** for fast-food sandwiches. But his appetites were even more **DEPRAVED**

First there was
Penn State's
JERRY SANDUSKY

Now
Subway Pitchman /
Child Molester
JARED FOGLE *in*



"Middle school girls are hot."
— Jared Fogle

"He's a monster."
— FBI Informant

DAWN OF THE PED

YEARS OF SEXUALLY EXPLOITING MINORS IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN FBI RAID PRESENTS "DAWN OF THE PED"

Starring: **JARED FOGLE** as a sick, twisted pervert playing a blandly wholesome franchise spokesman

Co-Starring **RUSSELL TAYLOR** as the president of Jared's bogus charity and his porn provider And introducing "GIGABYTES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY" as "Damning Evidence"

ENABLED BY A CORPORATION THAT LOOKED THE OTHER WAY

NOW PLAYING AT A FEDERAL PENITENTIARY

General Release in Five to Twelve and a Half Years



WRITER: MATT LASSEN

THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES


GOP'S A CROWD

Jesus only needed 12 apostles, yet this year the Republicans needed at least 16 candidates for President. We're not sure what our point is, but we thought it interesting to note. Indeed, there are so many crackpots, losers and hacks in the race, we couldn't even fit them all in this painting! The only person the selection of Mr. Trump to be at the center of this painting was not accidental. Every time he opens his mouth, at least one person in the room says, "That guy's running for President!?! Jesus Christ!"



ARTIST: HERMANN MEIER

It's pretty clear that certain segments of American society don't want to be confused by scientific facts. Evolution? Never happened. Global warming? It snowed last winter. What are you talking about? Which brings us to this year's science deniers—the anti-vaxxers. It isn't new—it just continues to spread. (You know, sort of like a case of measles in a classroom where one non-vaccinated kid infects all of his classmates.) Ironically, in the end, the only people who might be able to help the anti-vaxxers are scientists, who we hope are in their labs feverishly working on a vaccine for stupidity.



Now there's a vaccine to prevent "Parental Anti-Vaccine Hysteria"

"Parental Anti-Vaccine Hysteria" is contagious! Urge your parents to protect themselves with the breakthrough new Anti-Vaccine Vaccine.

With just one shot, Mom and Dad will be instantly immune from believing everything they read on science-denying websites. *Other benefits of the Anti-Vaccine Vaccine include:*

Vaccinated kids will start inviting you to their birthday parties.

Neighbors will stop thinking of your parents as dangerous, ill-formed and delusional.

You won't die from a disease that was eradicated over a half-century ago.

Kids, be sure to have your parents vaccinated. It's for their own good – but mainly yours.

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RACHEL DOLEZAL THE GREAT WHITE DOPE

Race remains a tricky and confusing subject in this country — especially when you're trying to be tricky and confusing about it. Consider Rachel Dolezal — a black woman who was president of the Spokane, Washington chapter of the NAACP and taught college classes like "The Black Woman's Struggle" and "African-American Studies." A great résumé, except for one omission — she's actually white. Dolezal consistently lied about her experiences and struggles as a black woman — whether it was having a black father (she didn't) to being the victim of nine hate crimes (she wasn't). When her lies finally caught up to her, she defended her deception by claiming she's "transracial" and "identifies as black" — probably because those both sound a lot better than "I'm an opportunistic, pathological liar."

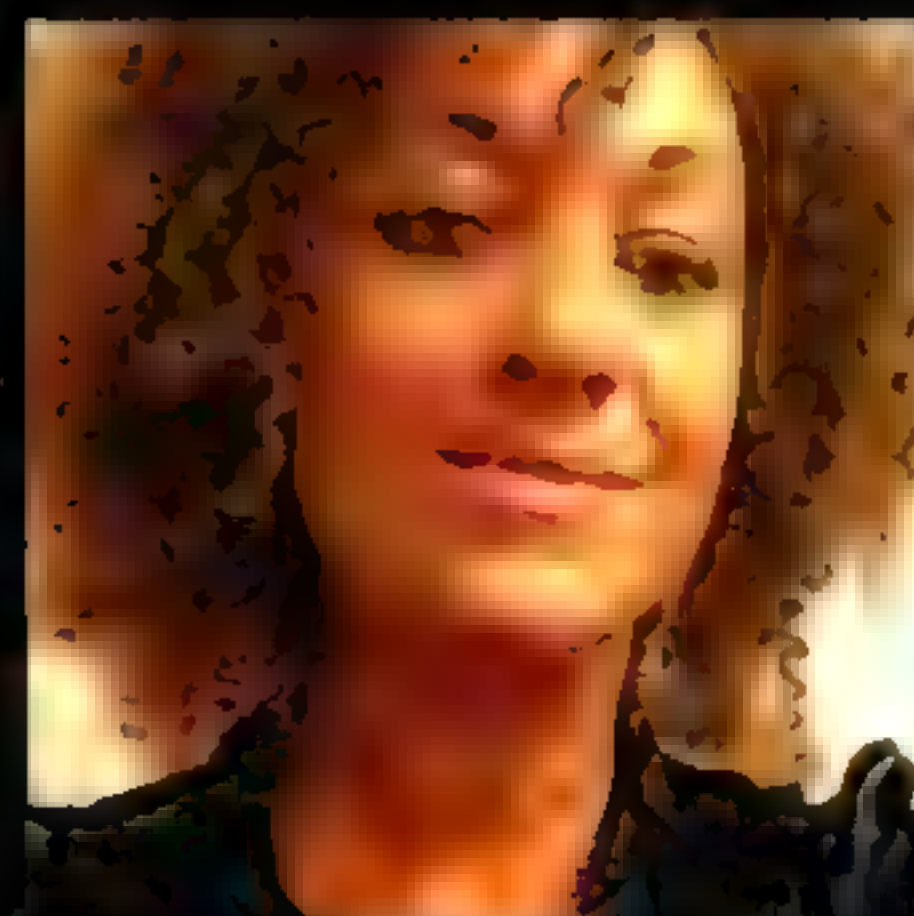
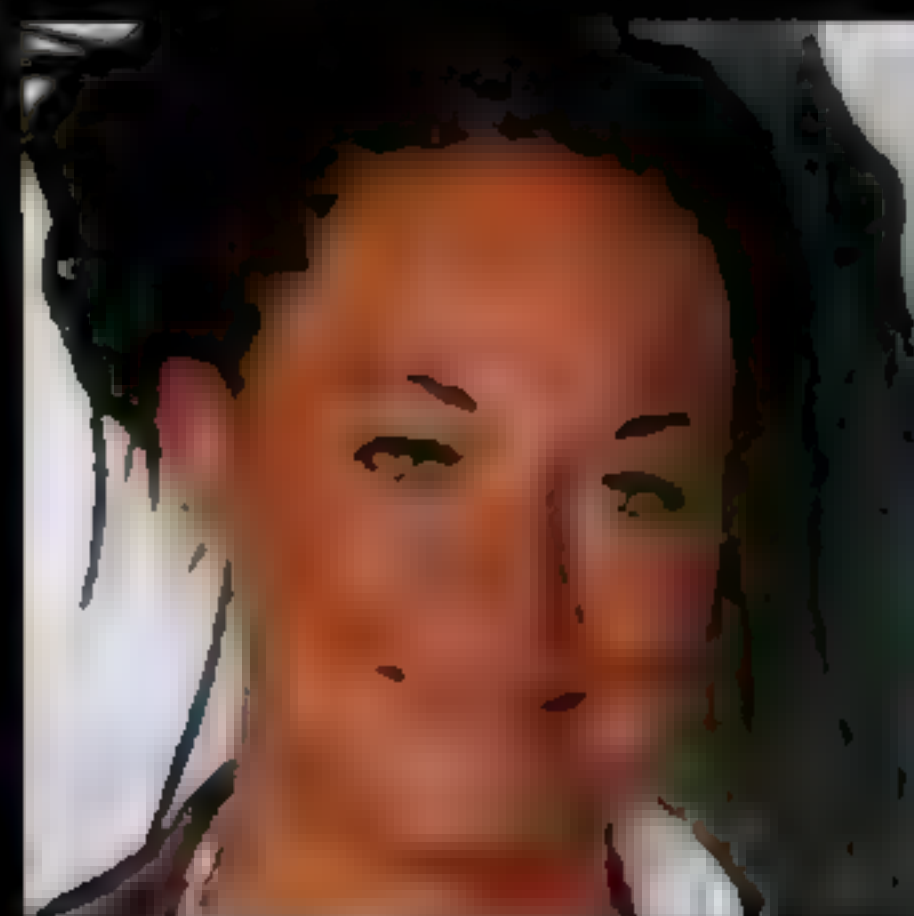
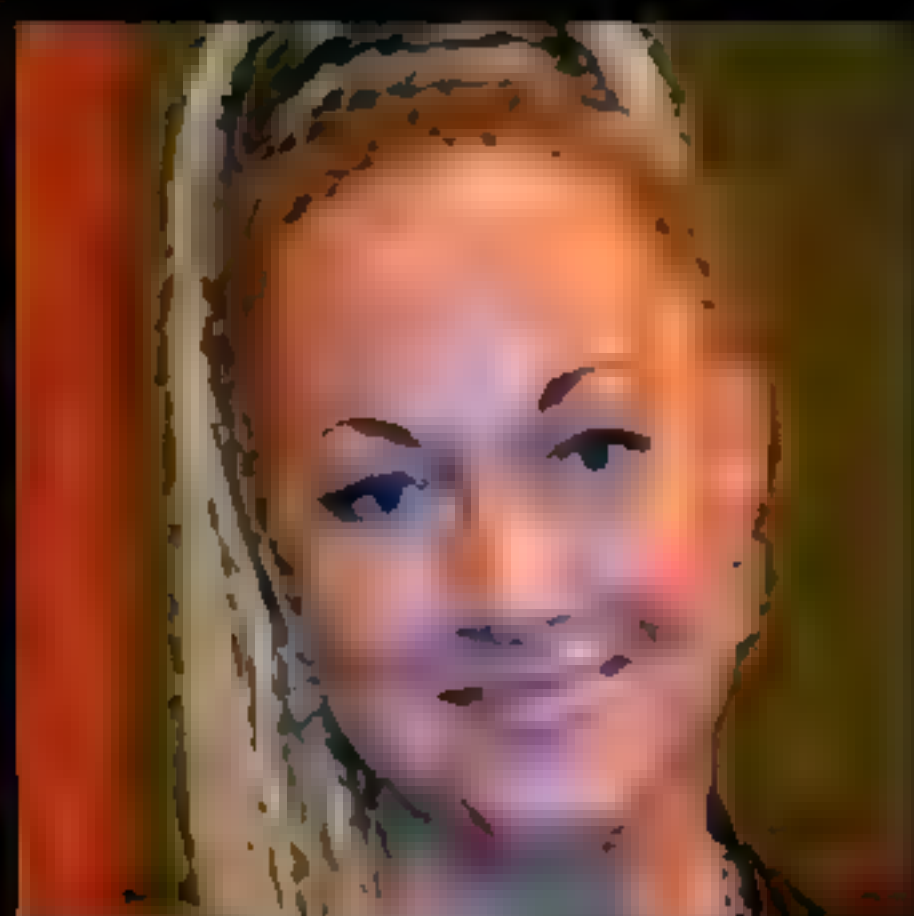
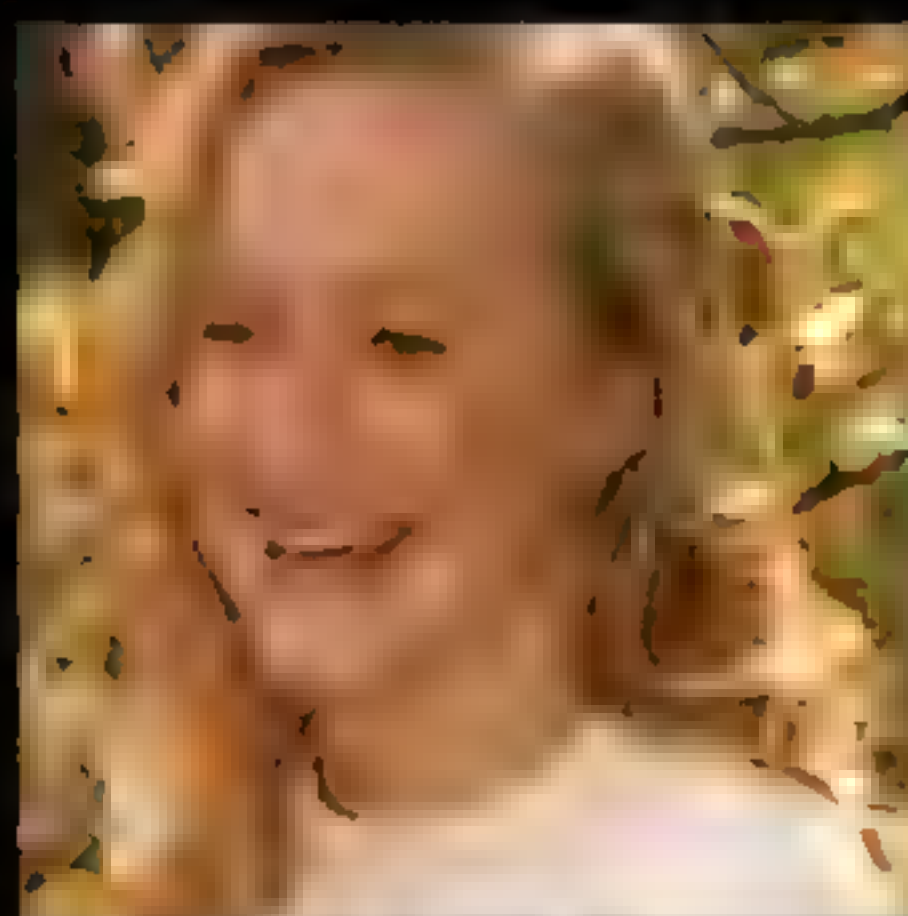


A WHITE WOMAN
WHO "IDENTIFIES AS
AFRICAN-AMERICAN"

RACHEL DOLEZAL IS
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KIM DAVIS REFUSES TO ISSUE GAY MARRIAGE LICENSES WHAT IN GOD'S NAME IS SHE DOING?

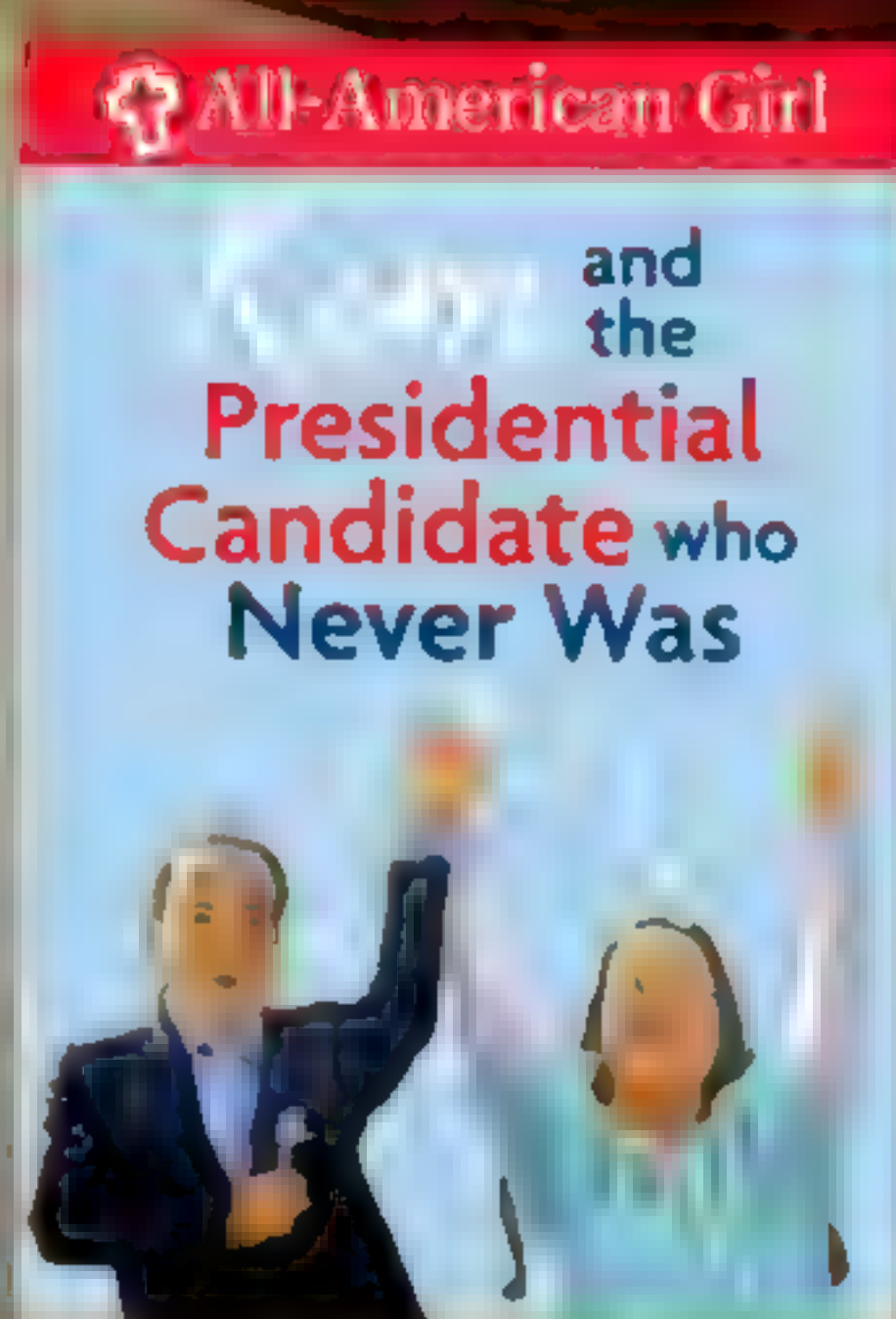
When Kentucky County Clerk Kim Davis refused, "under God's authority," to issue marriage licenses to gay couples, it made a lot of no-sense. That's because Kim is the kind of Christian who cares more about what Mike Huckabee said about gay marriage — "it's like asking someone who's Jewish to start serving bacon-wrapped shrimp in their deli" — than what Jesus said, which was nothing. Still, by putting her homophobic theology above the law of the land that she swore to God to uphold, Kim became a heroine — you might even say *doll* — of intolerant ideologues everywhere.

Meet Kim

This determined gal has a loyal dedication to her job that's second only to her steadfast faith — a faith so strong she relied on it when swearing to God to uphold the law upon taking her oath of office; and so deep and abundant that she further called upon it to violate her oath of office by her steadfast refusal to perform the very duties she swore to God to perform.

Kim comes with a generous stack of marriage licenses, none of which bear her name, lest she defy the Holy Word of God, as well as four additional marriage licenses (all of which DO bear her name, as well as those of her various ex-husbands).

Also included are court orders and Supreme Court decisions to ignore, plus a darling miniature Bible, severely abridged to only contain those verses which Kim finds convenient to obey.



There's more to Kim's story...

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BRIAN WILLIAMS' TALL TALES THEY CALL ME MR. FIBS

For years, NBC Nightly News' Brian Williams was one of TV's most trusted newsmen (admittedly, a very low bar to clear). Williams gave viewers a mix of gravitas and empathy — and even a hint of toughness following his various tours as an embedded war-zone reporter. But all that was tossed out a Rockefeller Center window in February when Williams' stories of his 2002 experiences in Iraq were exposed as egregious lies made by a pathetic wimp. Though he resurfaced at MSNBC after being booted off the air for six months, his future is far from clear — so who knows? Maybe he'll finally get a chance to play an action hero in the pulse-pounding war flick that's been playing in his head for the past 14 years.

"WE CAME UNDER FIRE

BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE IRAQI FARMERS WITH RPGs AND AK-47s."

Brian Williams, May 2008

"TWO OF THE FOUR HELICOPTERS WERE HIT... INCLUDING THE ONE I WAS IN..."

Brian Williams, March 2013

"...THE HELICOPTER WE WERE TRAVELING IN WAS FORCED DOWN AFTER BEING HIT..."

Brian Williams, January 2015

"I MADE A MISTAKE..."

I SAID I WAS TRAVELING IN AN AIRCRAFT THAT WAS HIT BY RPG FIRE. I WAS INSTEAD IN A FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT."

Brian Williams, February 2015

A HERO IN HIS OWN MIND

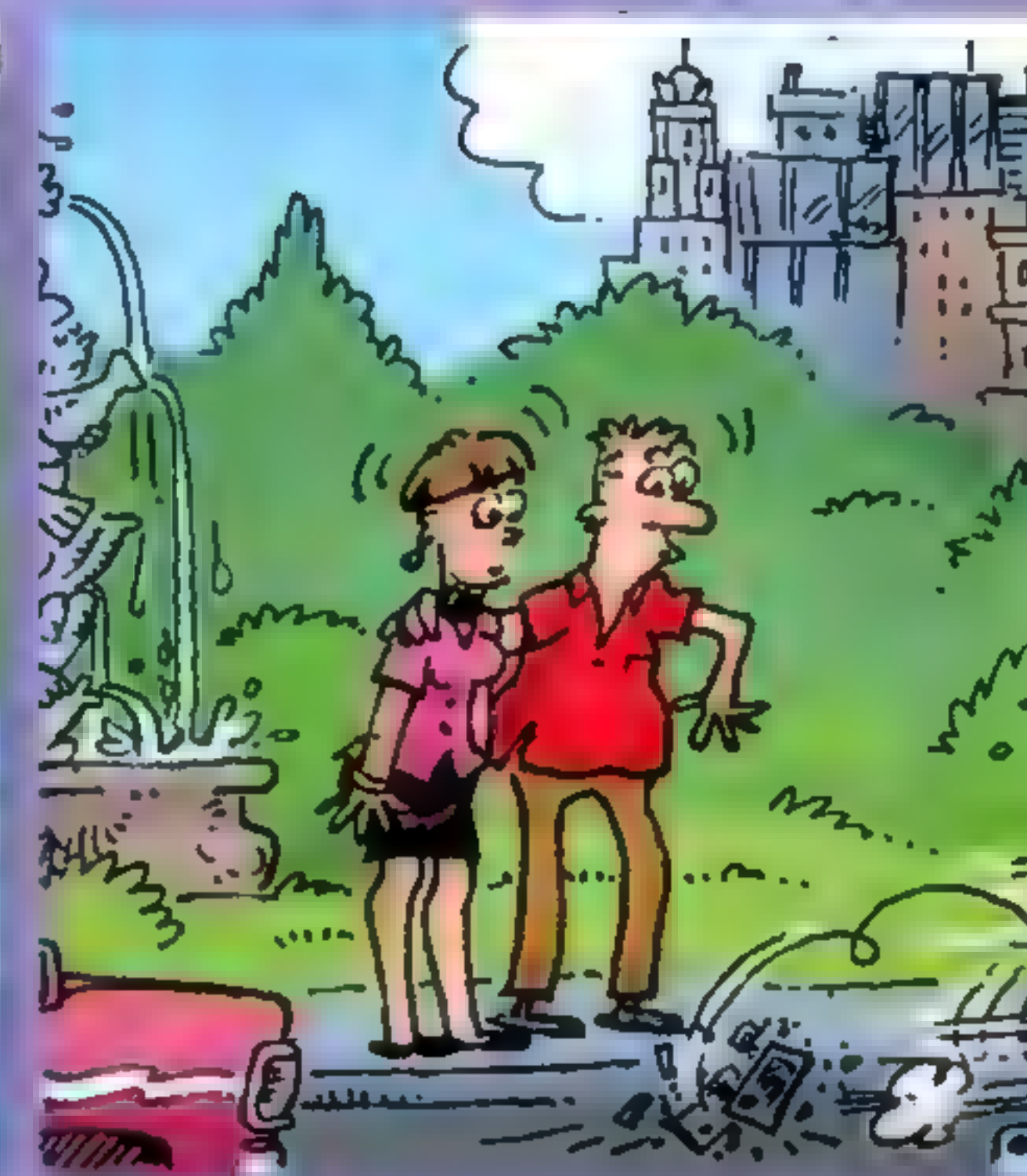
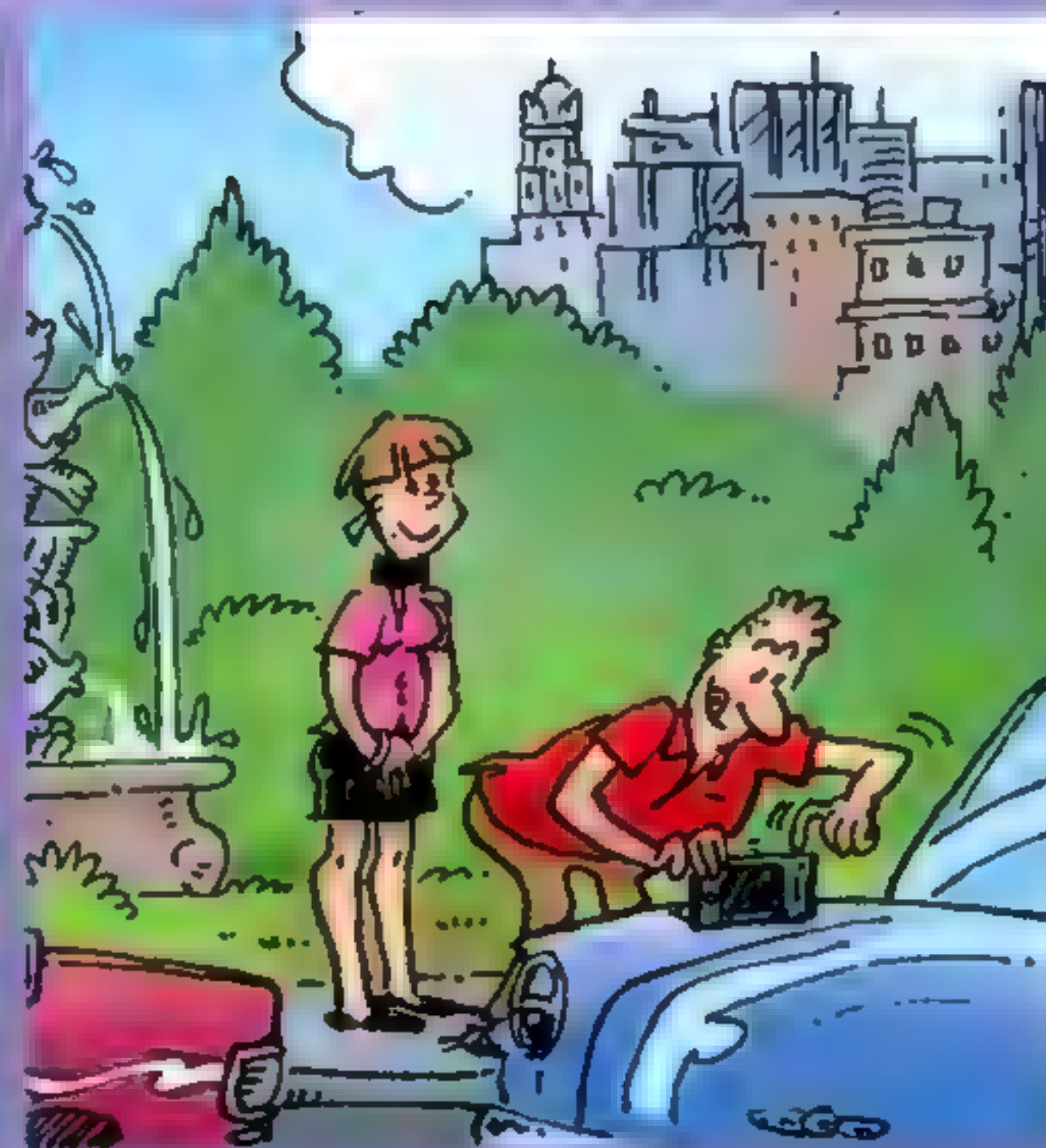
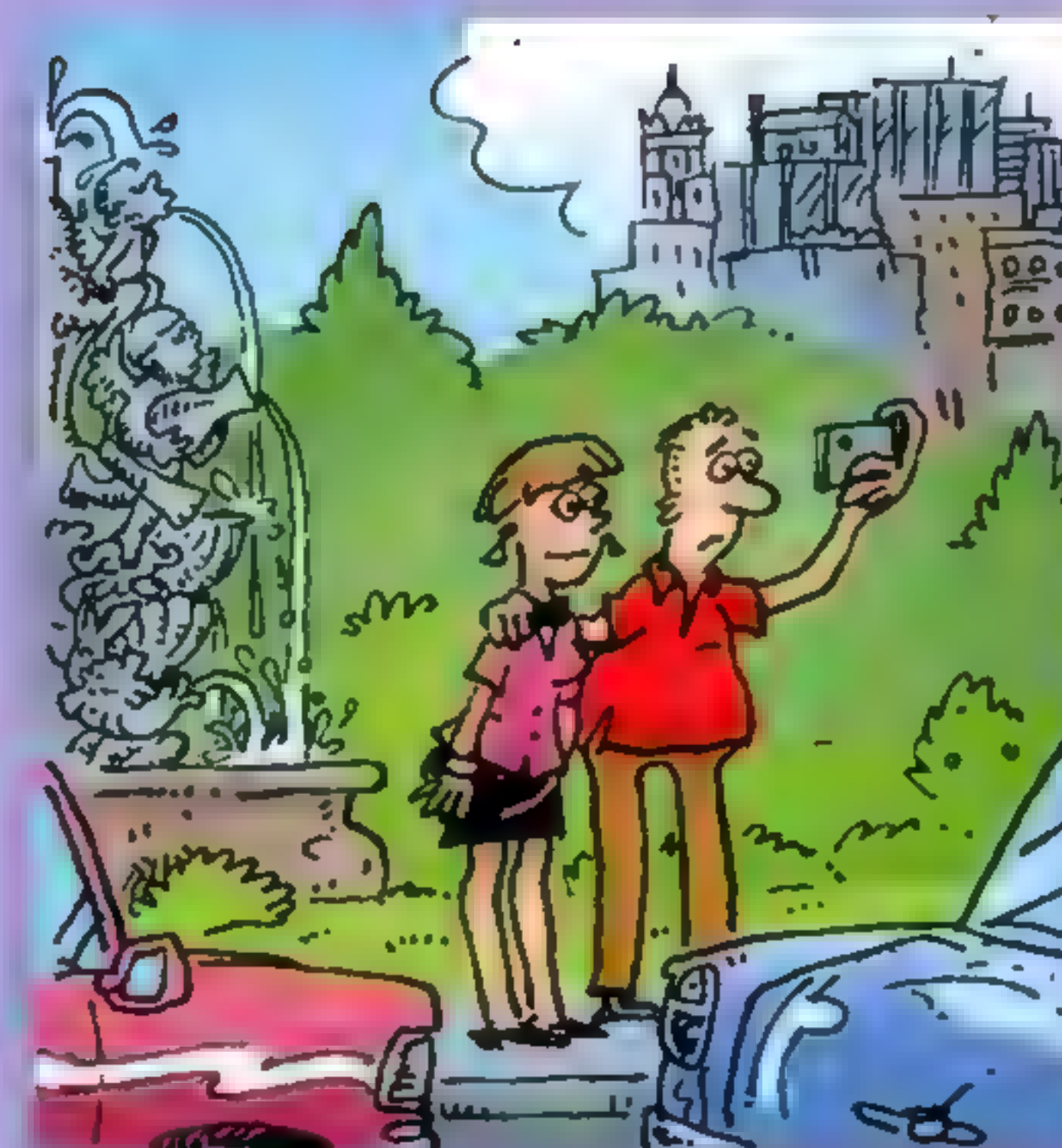
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SERGIO ARAGONÉS
 PRESENTS

A MAD LOOK AT SELFIE STICKS





In the classic movie *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray relives the same day over and over until he finally changes his behavior and becomes kind to his fellow human beings. When it comes to America's endless plague of mass shootings, it feels as if the entire country is trapped in its own *Groundhog Day*. The only difference is, unlike in the movie, there's never any change to anyone's behavior or reactions. Everyone just goes through the same motions, reliving the tragedy until the next one. It's with this in mind that we now sadly present...

MAD'S DO-IT-YOURSELF CONSTANTLY- REOCCURRING MASS SHOOTING NEWS STORY

A gunman opened fire at a...

- ☐ grade school
- ☐ middle school
- ☐ high school
- ☐ college
- ☐ shopping mall

today, killing _____ and injuring _____.

Local law-enforcement officials who rushed to the scene said the gunman was armed with _____ semi-automatic assault rifles, _____ handguns, and _____ additional clips of ammo, all...

- ☐ purchased legally.
- ☐ purchased illegally.
- ☐ given to the gunman by his parents.

The gunman...

- ☐ was taken into custody.
- ☐ was shot and killed by police.
- ☐ took his own life.

A local resident at the scene expressed...

- ☐ total disbelief,
- ☐ strong anger,
- ☐ complete dismay,

saying a violent tragedy such as this never happens in this quiet, close-knit community.

He said now, more than ever, he wants...

- ☐ Congress to pass common-sense gun control laws.
- ☐ to get a gun to protect himself and his family.

Speaking from the White House lawn, the President said he was...

- ☐ deeply saddened.
- ☐ deeply horrified.
- ☐ deeply shocked.
- ☐ tired of making the same speech again and again.

He then offered his...

- ☐ prayers
 - ☐ condolences
 - ☐ sincerest sympathies
- to the victims and their families.

He renewed his call for...

- ☐ mandatory background checks.
- ☐ stricter gun-control laws.
- ☐ increased funding for mental illness.

He concluded his remarks by...

- ☐ ordering that all flags be flown at half mast,
- ☐ calling for a day of national mourning,
- ☐ pledging the full support of the federal government in investigating the incident,
- ☐ announcing that he will visit with the families of the victims later this week,

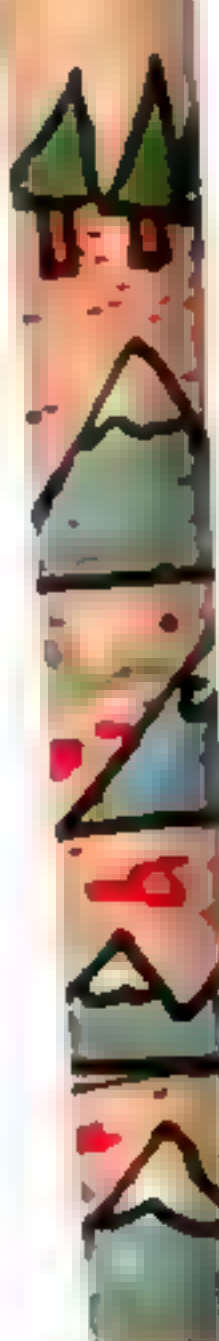
while prominent Republicans...

- ☐ condemned the President for politicizing this national tragedy.
- ☐ called for greater enforcement of existing laws.
- ☐ placed the blame for the shooting on violent movies and video games.
- ☐ said the answer to the problem is "more good guys with guns."

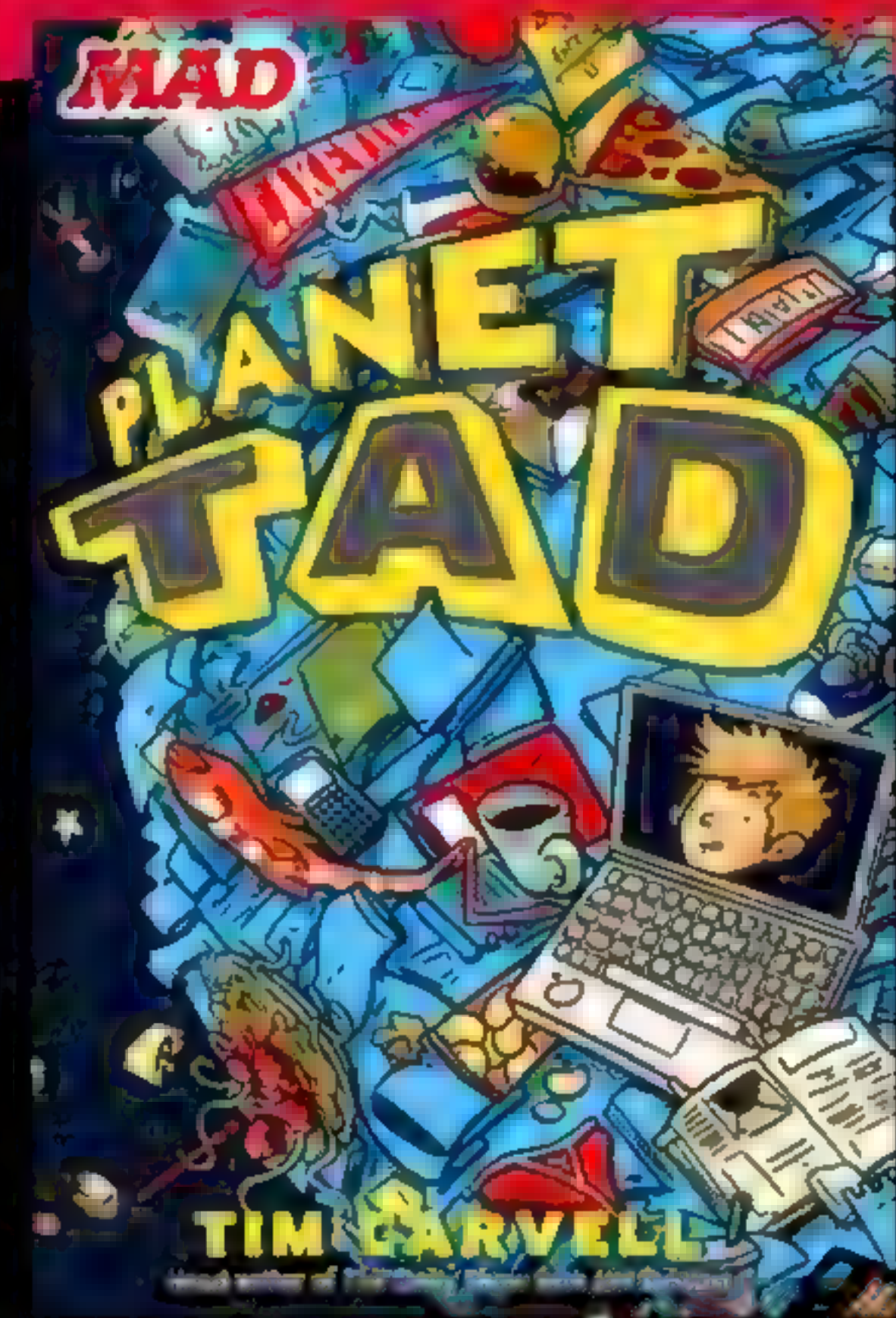
Today's mass shooting was the _____th since Sandy Hook, bringing the total death count to _____.

A spokesman for the NRA...

- ☐ declined comment.
- ☐ declared that the passage of any kind of gun-control legislation violates the Second Amendment and puts us one step closer to Nazi Germany.



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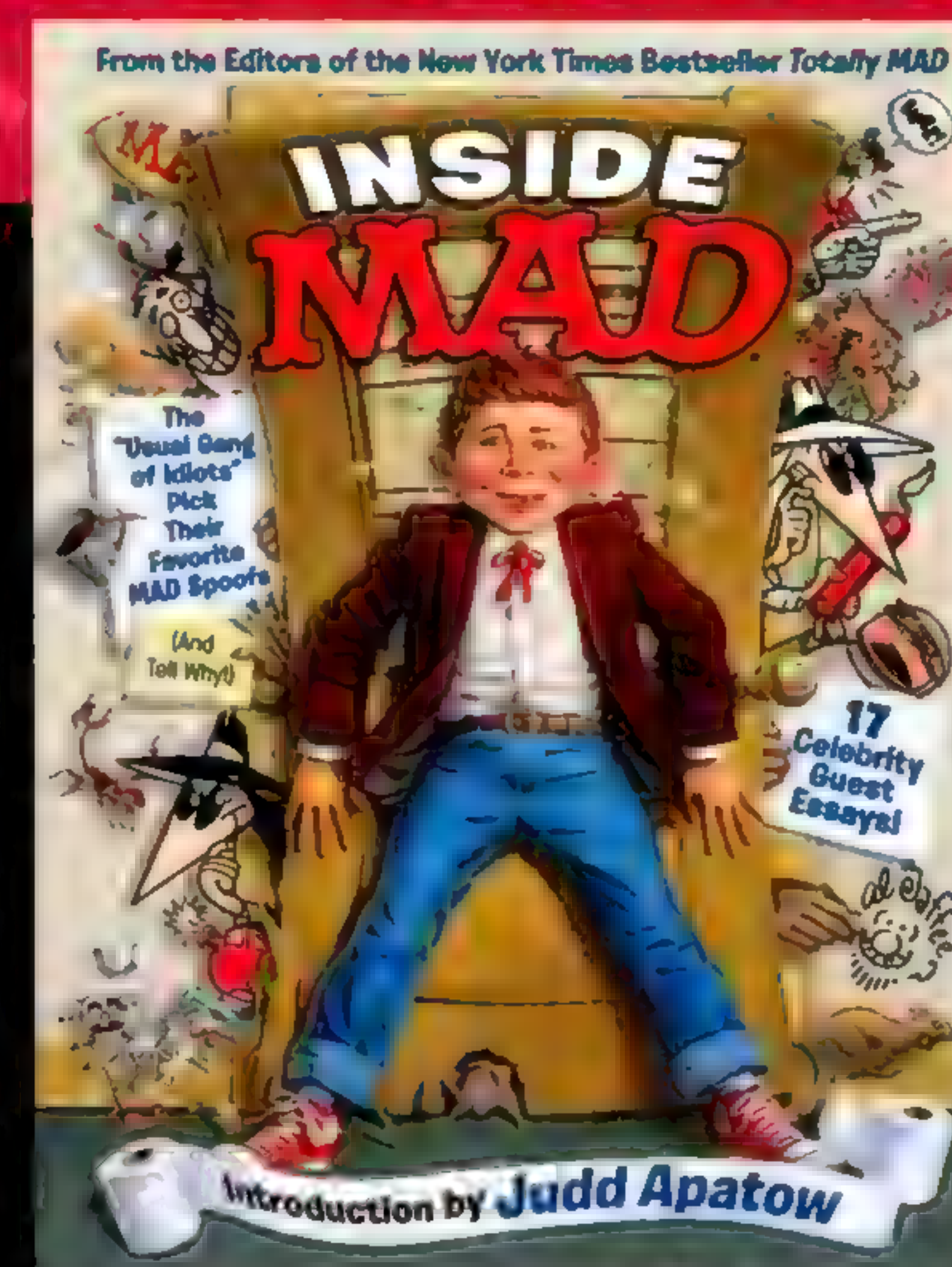


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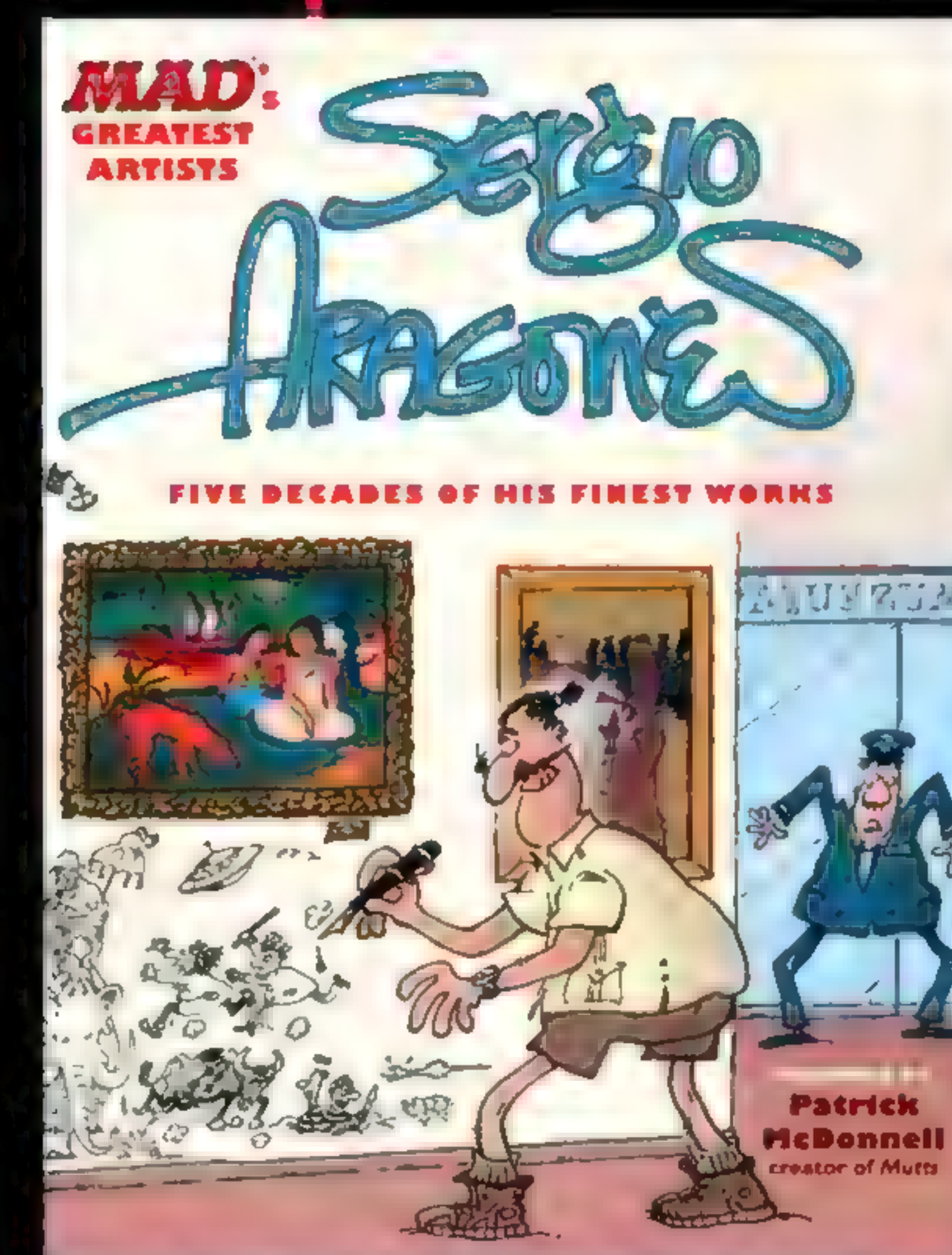
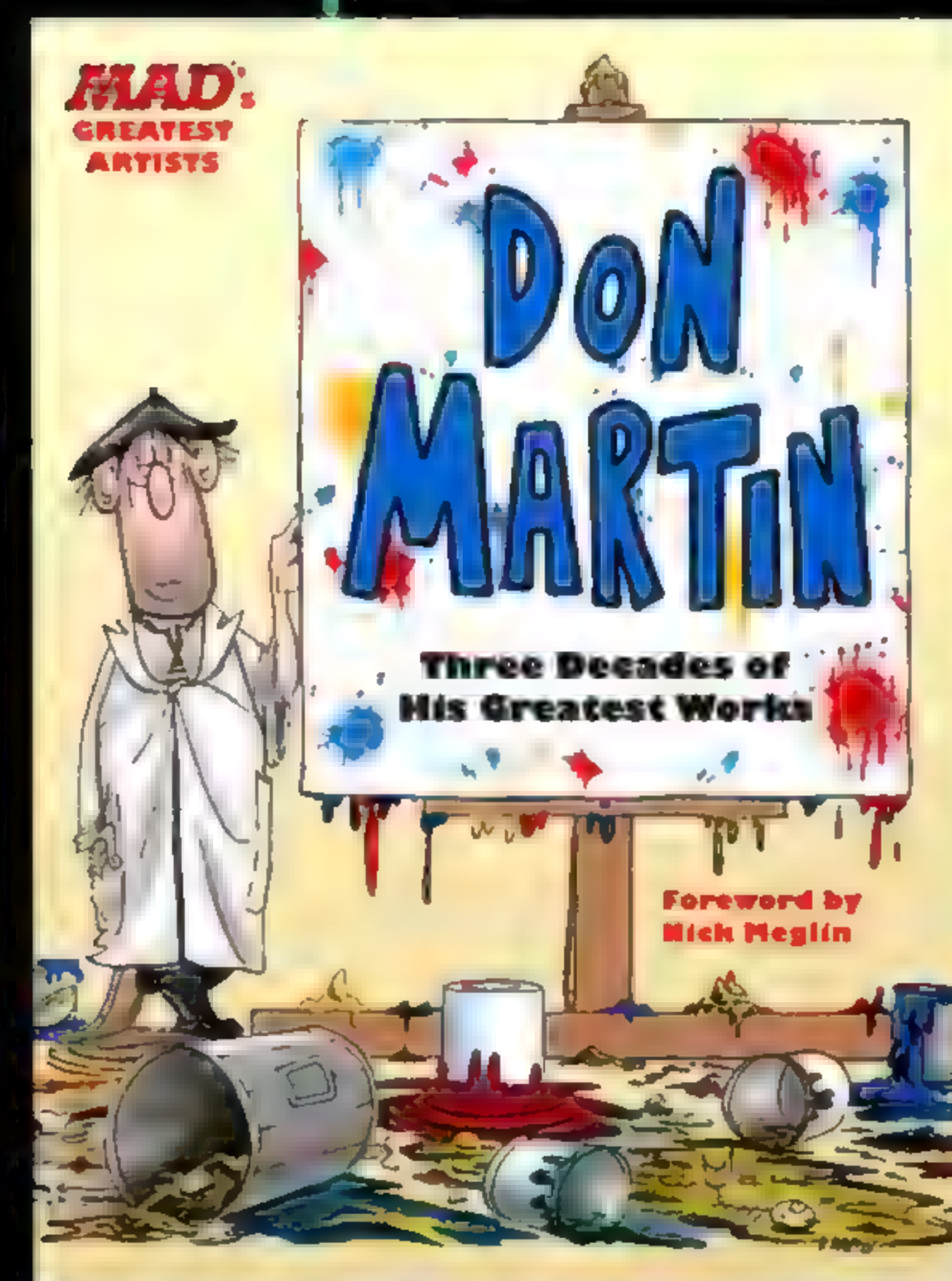
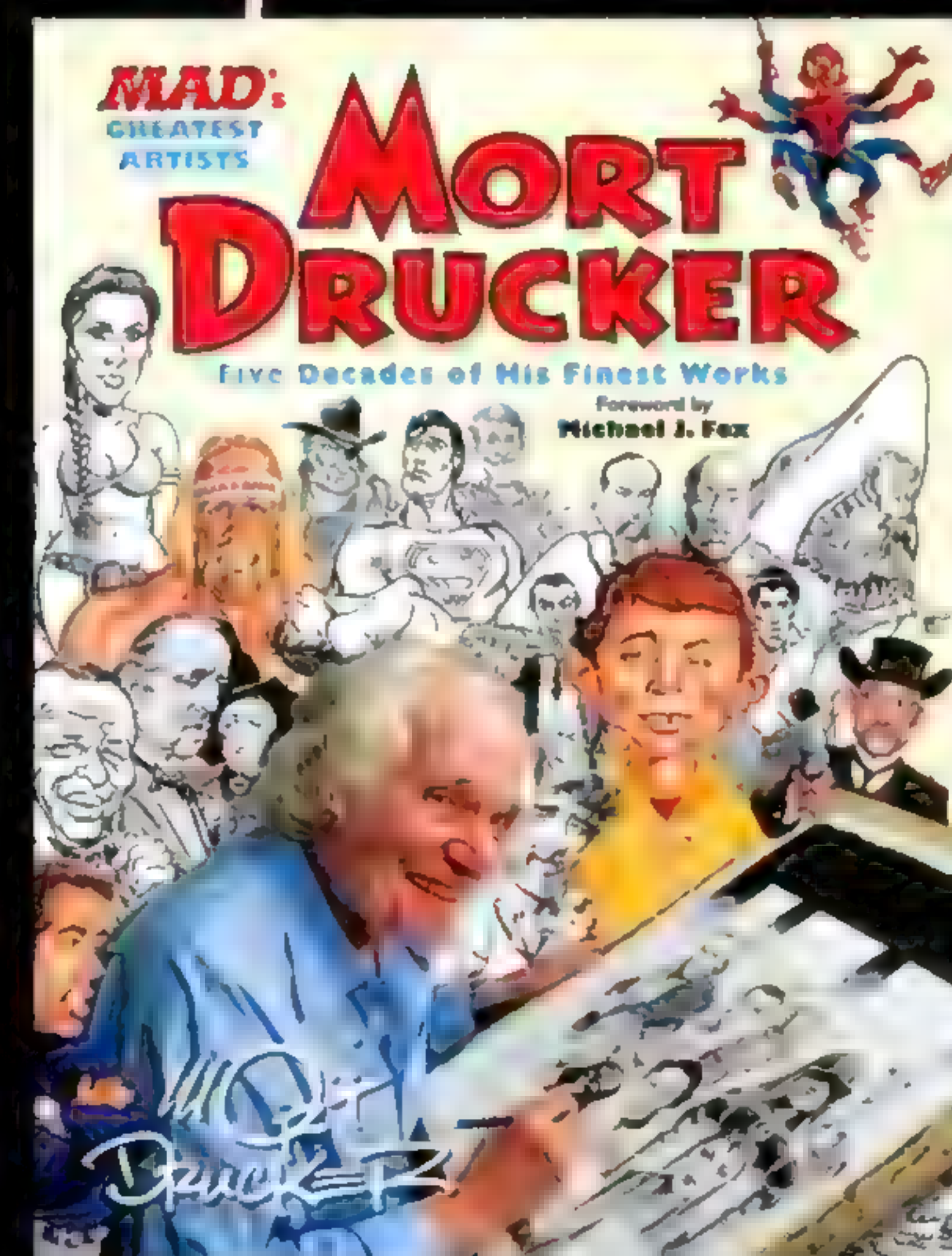
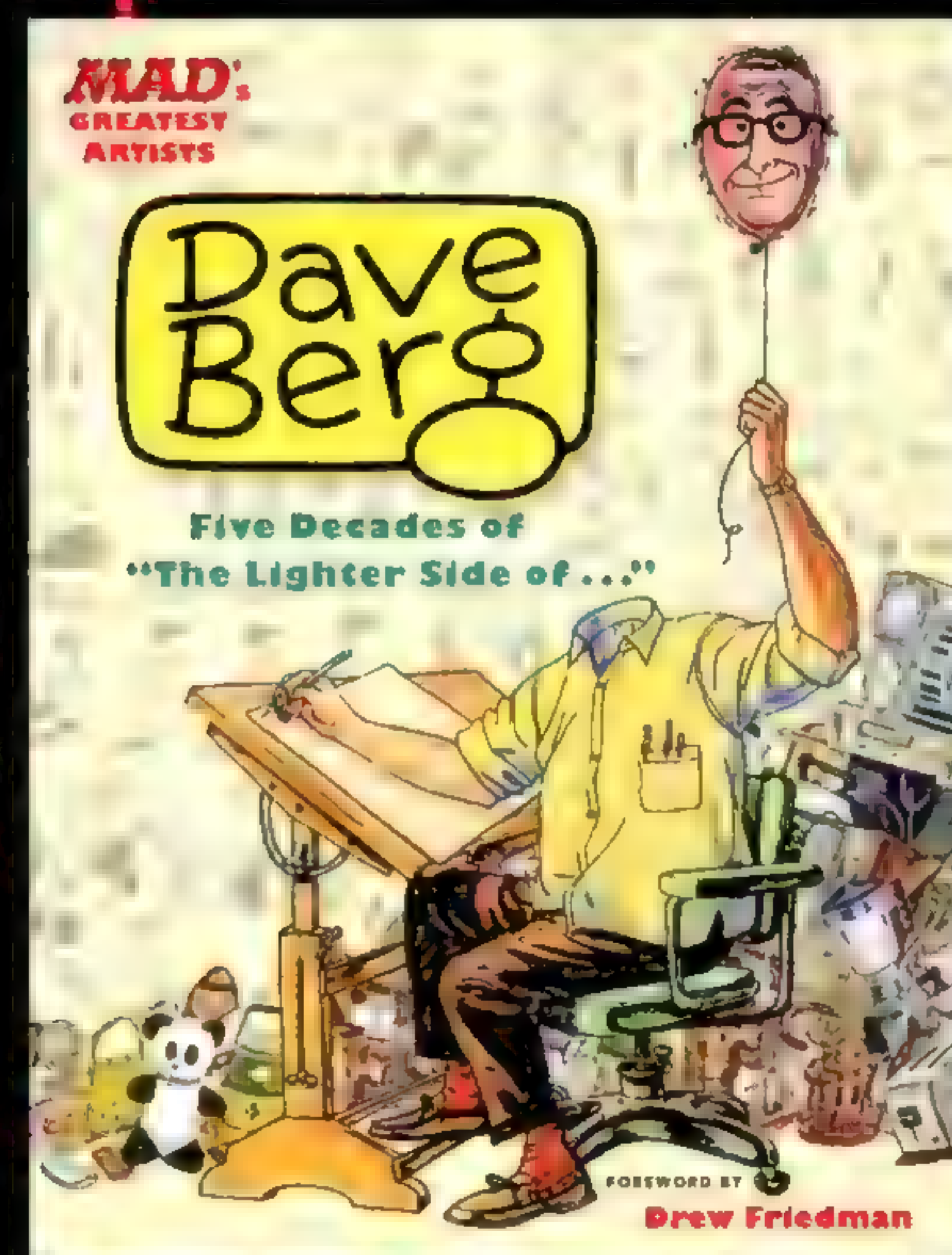
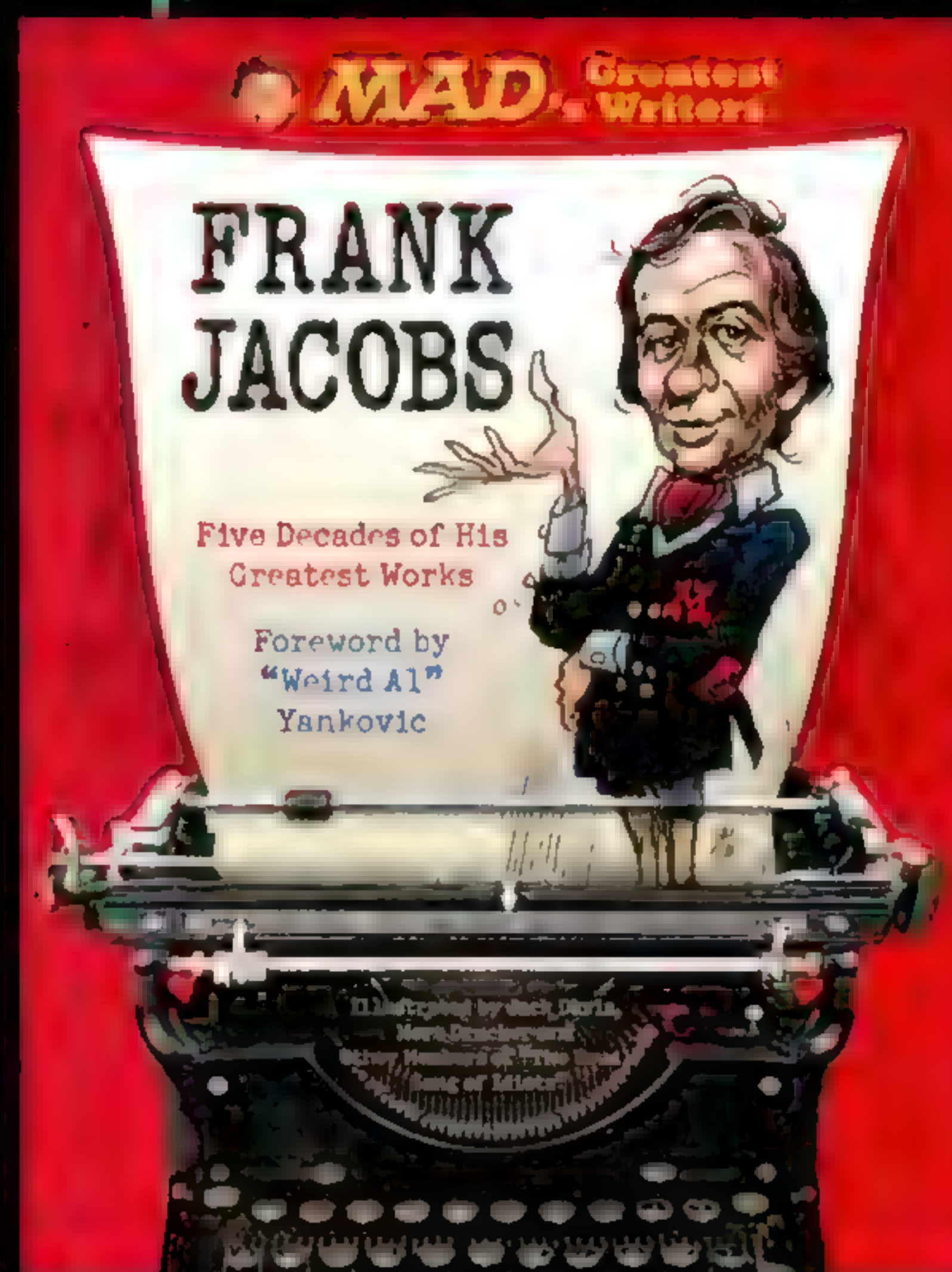


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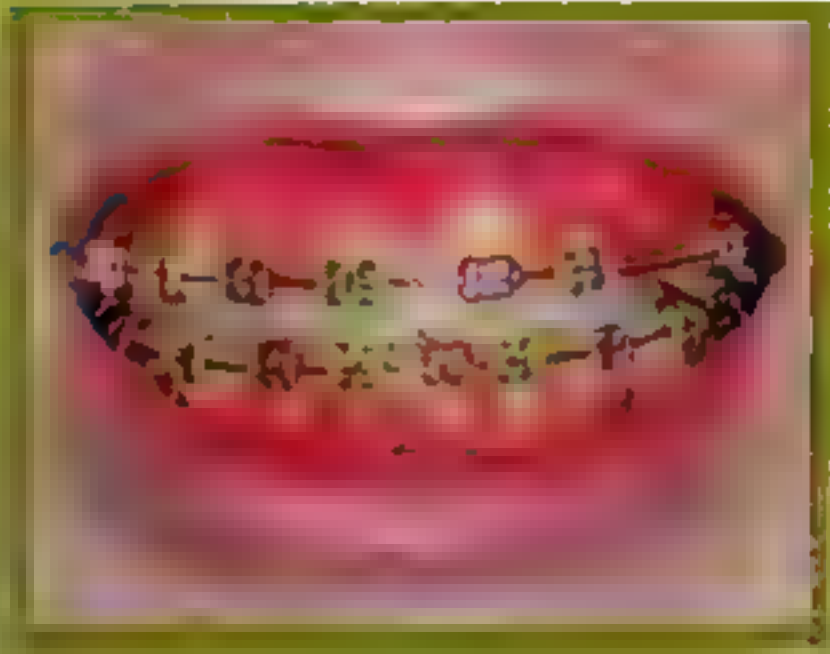
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PLANET TAD!!!!

» NAME: TAD » AGE: FOURTEEN » QUESTION: CAN ANYONE HELP ME TURN OFF CAPS LOCK?

DECEMBER 4, 2015

Big news: My mom is pregnant. We were all at dinner, and my dad said, "Have you guys noticed anything special about mom lately?" And I said, "She's been a lot grumpier." And my little sister Sophie said, "Plus, she's been farting a lot." And my mom said, "I'm pregnant, kids. I'm having a baby." And Sophie said, "Is that why you look so fat?" That's when my mom threw her napkin down and left the table.

And then I said, "I told you she's been grumpier." And my dad kind of just nodded quietly and went to go comfort my mom.

DECEMBER 5, 2015

This morning, something occurred to me: Our house only has three bedrooms: one for me, one for Sophie, and one for my parents. So...where's the baby going to sleep? I asked my dad about it, and he said, "I've actually given this some thought." And he took me down to the rec room in the basement, where we keep our broken ping-pong table that we never use, and a lot of old boxes of junk. And he said, "What do you think?" And I said, "I think this would be a terrible place to put a baby."



And he said, "No, I mean for you! If you want to clean this room up a bit, I figured you might like your own private set-up down here. What do you think?" And I said, "Absolutely, yes." Because I'm guessing the alternative would be sharing a room with either Sophie or the baby, and I can't decide which would be worse — sharing a room with a newborn, or an 8-year-old girl who likes to blast Katy Perry songs. (I don't care how loud a baby screams, it'll still sound better than that stupid song where Katy Perry keeps insisting I'm a firework, which really only makes sense if she's shouting it at the sky on the Fourth of July.)

DECEMBER 6, 2015

Good news: Sophie has offered to help set up the rec room in the basement, which I thought was really nice of her. It seemed weird, though, since she never does anything nice for anyone. So I asked her why, and she said, "The sooner I can get you away from me, the better." Which is more like the Sophie I know.

Anyway, we started cleaning out the room today, and we already found a bunch of baby stuff — a car seat and a crib and a playpen. We told my mom, and she was really glad we'd have it for the new baby, until she Googled it and said, "Oh, God. All of those things have been recalled. Apparently, they were incredibly dangerous." And I said, "Wait: You put Sophie and me in deathtraps when we were babies?" And she said, "They weren't deathtraps exactly!" And then she Googled some more and said, "No, wait. Yeah. Yeah, all these sites actually use the word 'deathtrap'. So yeah, I guess I did. Sorry."

DECEMBER 11, 2015

So, today as we were cleaning out the rec room, Sophie asked how I was going to decorate it. And I said, "Well, I was thinking of putting up a poster of Chewbacca. Does that count?" And she sighed and said, "No. You need a coat of paint. Like a nice, summery yellow. And maybe some area rugs?" (Sophie watches a lot of HGTV, so she has tons of ideas on home decoration.) I pointed out that there's no way Mom and Dad would pay for any of that, and she said, "I bet I can find a way to make them."

I wouldn't bet against Sophie. She's very good at figuring out angles on things. (I remember when she was five and taught herself to like strawberry ice cream, and I asked her why, and she said, "Because mom hates throwing it out when we buy a carton of Neapolitan, so she'll let me eat all of it." Sophie plays the long game.)

DECEMBER 12, 2015

Today in cleaning out the basement, Sophie showed me something she found: a shoebox of old, handwritten letters to my mom. The weird thing was, they were love notes. The even weirder thing was, they weren't from my dad — they were twenty years old, and signed "Emil". And I said, "What should we do with these?" And Sophie said, "I have a plan."

And then she took them upstairs and asked my mom, "Who's Emil?" And my mom said, "Emil? That's the name of my college boyfriend. Why do you ask?" And Sophie held up the box and said, "We found a bunch of letters he wrote you. Why did you hold onto them?" And my mom got very nervous and said, "Oh, I must've forgotten they were there." And Sophie said, "Do you want us to throw them out?" And my mom grabbed the box and said, "No! I mean, no, I'll...take care of them. And maybe don't tell your dad you found these?"

So Sophie handed my mom the box, but before she let go of it, she made eye contact with her and said, "By the way, Tad might want to re-paint his room downstairs. How about you buy him some paint?" And my mom said, "Oh! Um, of course. Of course!" Afterward, Sophie turned to me and said, "You're welcome."

Sophie's only eight, but already I can tell she's either going to run a company, a crime organization or both.

DECEMBER 13, 2015

OK, today we were going through boxes and found another weird thing. My mom likes getting my dad "funny" ties — like, with cartoon characters on them — and is always telling him he should wear them to the office, "because everyone'll get a kick out of it!" And he'll always say he can't find them in his closet. Well, it turns out, the reason he can't find them is, they're not in his closet — they're in a box in the basement.



Sophie showed the box to my dad and said, "Good news, Dad! We found all the ties mom bought you!" And he said, "Great!" in a tone of voice that didn't sound anything like he thought it was great. And Sophie said, "Should we tell Mom we found them?" And my dad said, "What if we didn't?" And Sophie said, "Oh...okay. We won't." And then she made eye contact with him and said, "By the way: Tad could use some area rugs for his room." And my dad said, "Oh...sure." And Sophie said, "Great."

I have to say: It's both nice and a little scary to have Sophie working on my behalf. It's like having an attack dog.

DECEMBER 14, 2015

So, today, I finished cleaning out the rec room, and I started to re-paint it — I have to say, Sophie picked out a nice color and some cool rugs for it. It may be the nicest thing she's ever done for me. And she told me that, once I'm done painting it, she has a surprise for me. She says it's the one final thing that'll make the room complete. I can't wait!



DECEMBER 15, 2015

So, today I asked Sophie what the final thing to complete the room was. And she said, "Me." And then she handed over one last thing she found in the basement: A box of videos my parents took of me when I was little — getting a bath naked, crying and wetting my pants as I hug Barney the Dinosaur, and dancing to Britney Spears in a diaper. And she looked me in the eye and said, "I've made copies of all of them and I can post them to your Facebook wall at any time. Do you want me to do that?"

So, I basically spent the week helping Sophie set up her big new room in the basement. And that's when I realized the most important thing about having an attack dog: Make sure that you're not the one who gets bitten.

LATEST TWEETS

- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 6m
I found out today that the "LL" in "LL Cool J" stands for "ladies love". Which is better than what I thought it stood for, "llama".
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 9m
Why do people say you can't compare apples and oranges? Of course you can: Apples are usually redder and less tart than oranges. See?
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 35m
I feel like, if "Sesame Street" were real, Oscar the Grouch would've been killed by being thrown into a garbage-compacting truck years ago.



- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 1h
The worst thing about playing the "Adventure Time"-themed edition of Monopoly is the 15-minute argument about whose turn it is to be Jake.
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 2h
It's funny: they mean the same thing, but "Catwoman" and "cat lady" conjure up two really different images.

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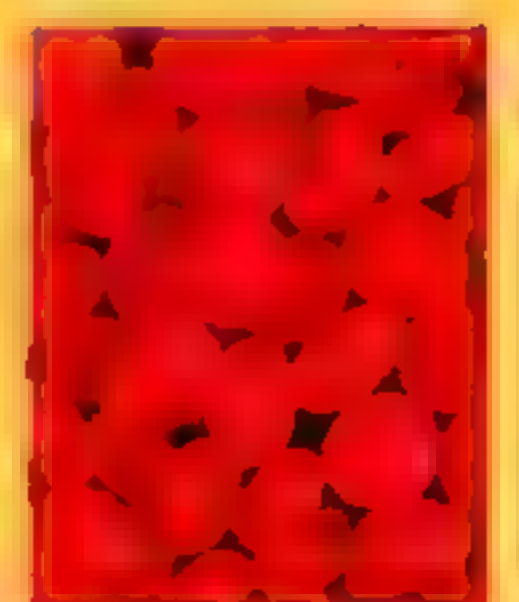


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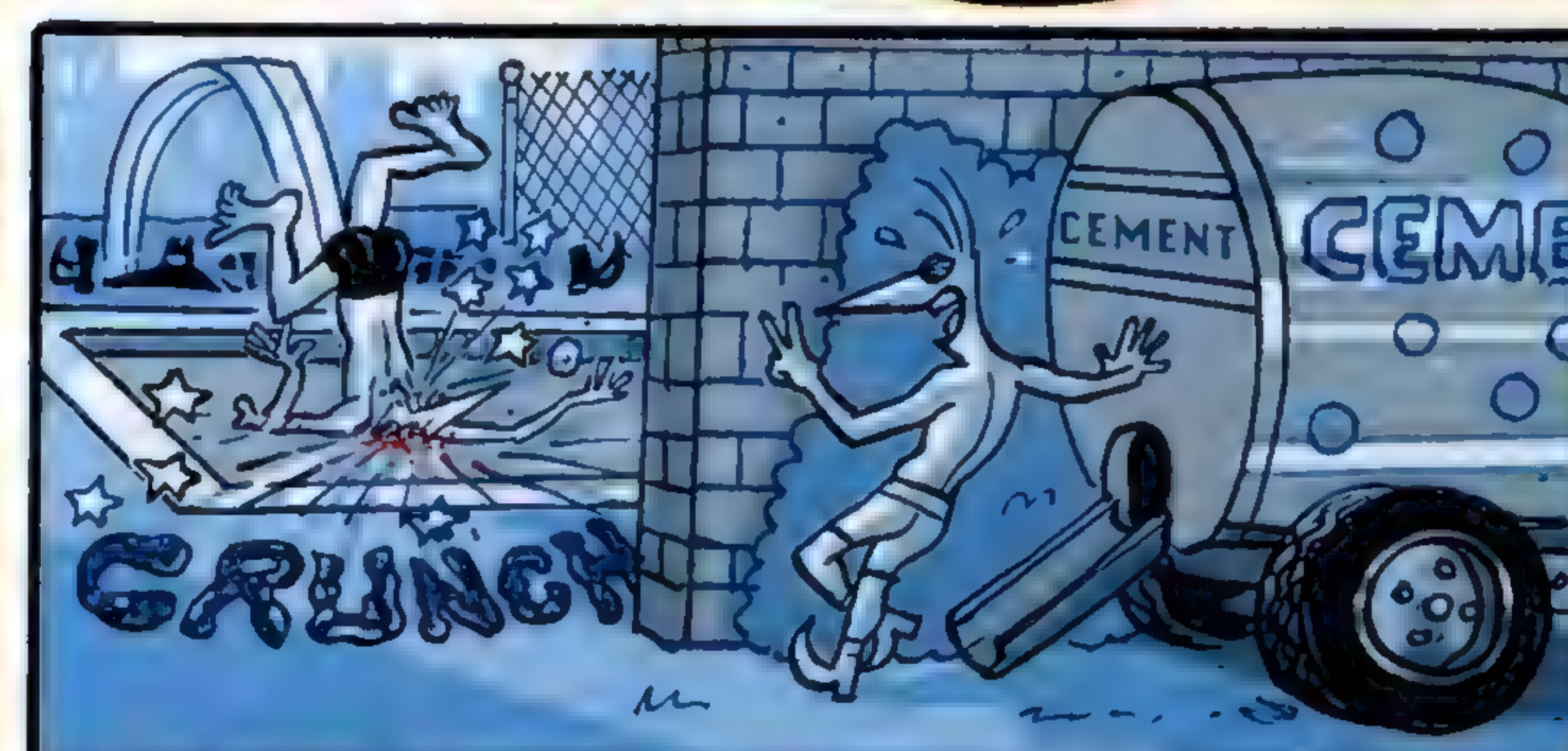
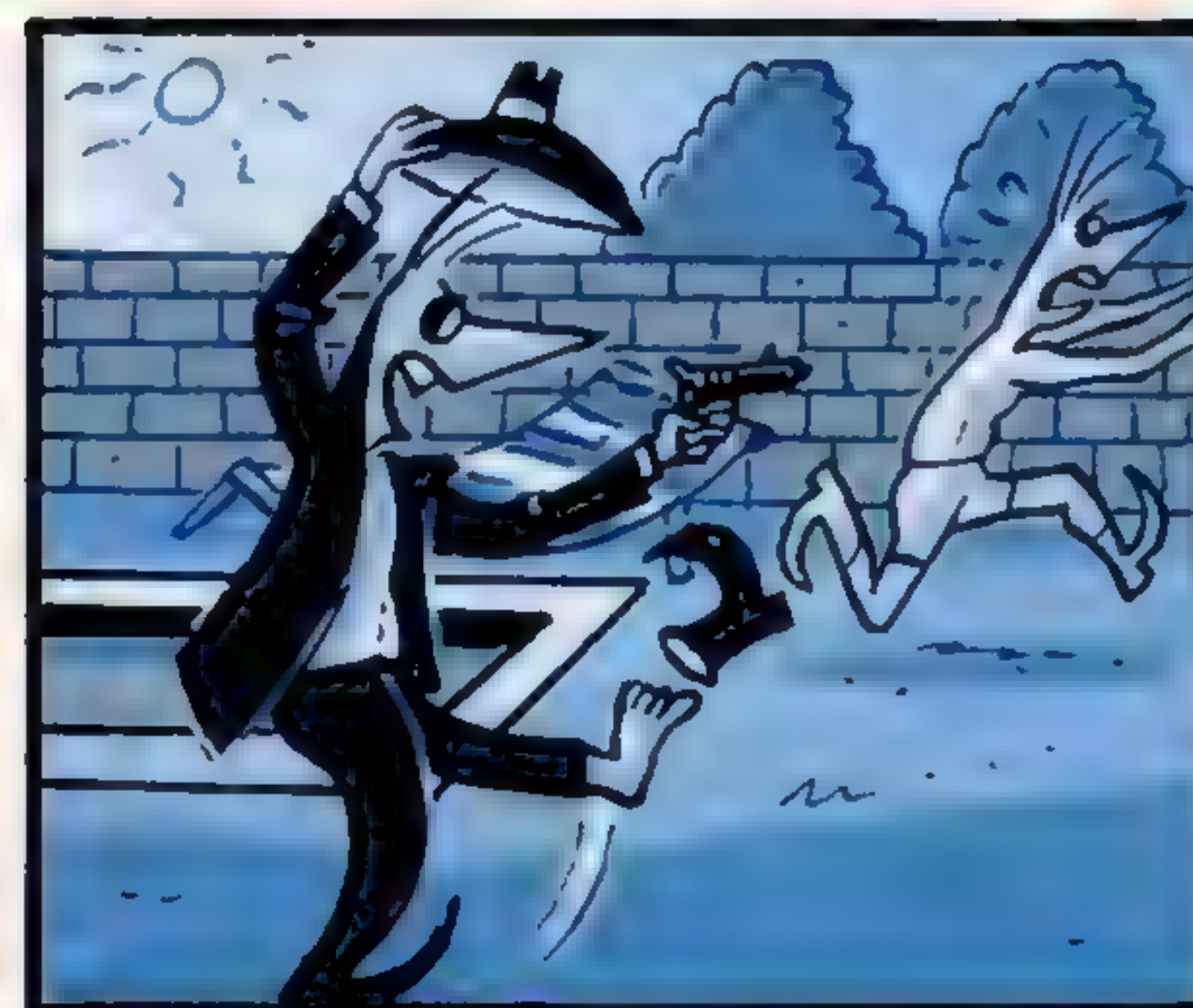
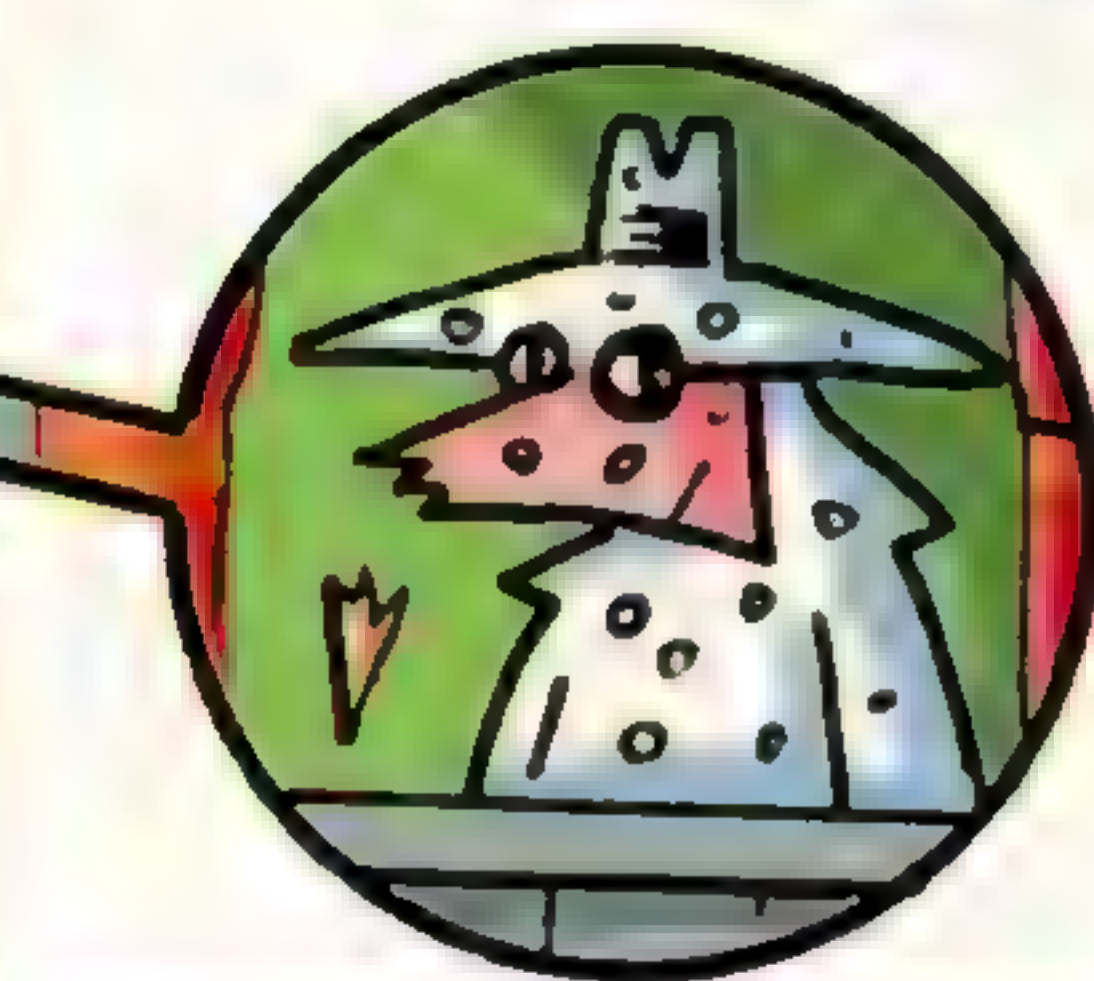
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Tad visited:

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- Home
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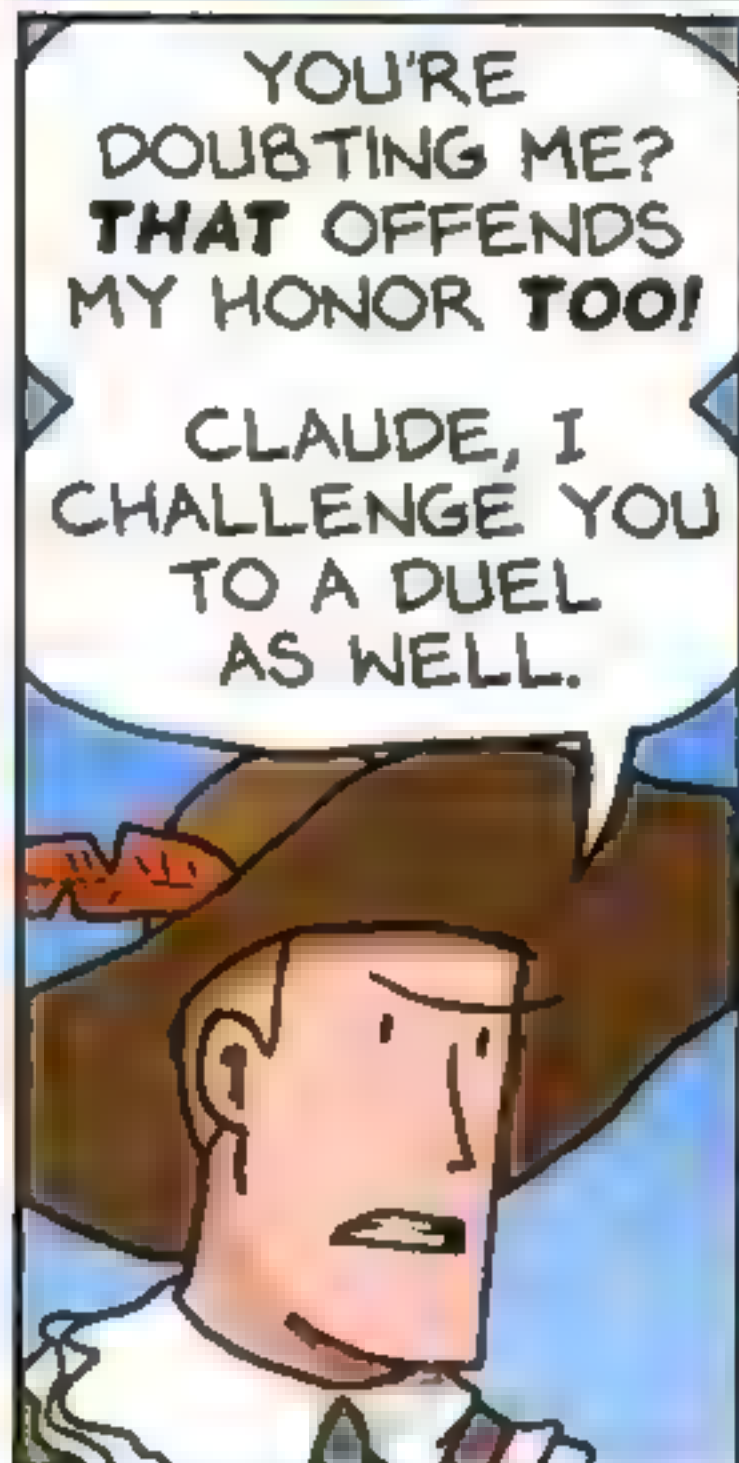


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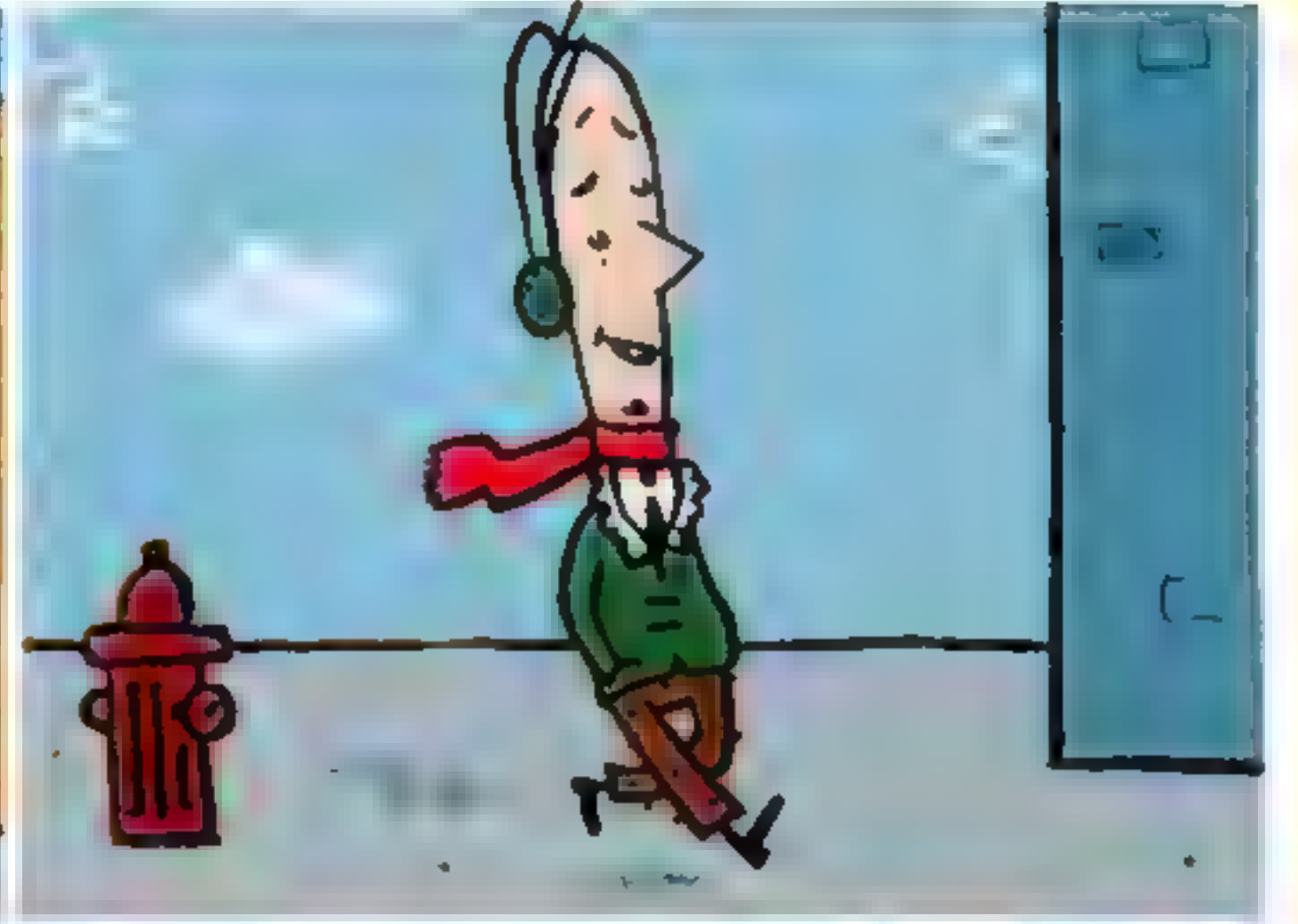


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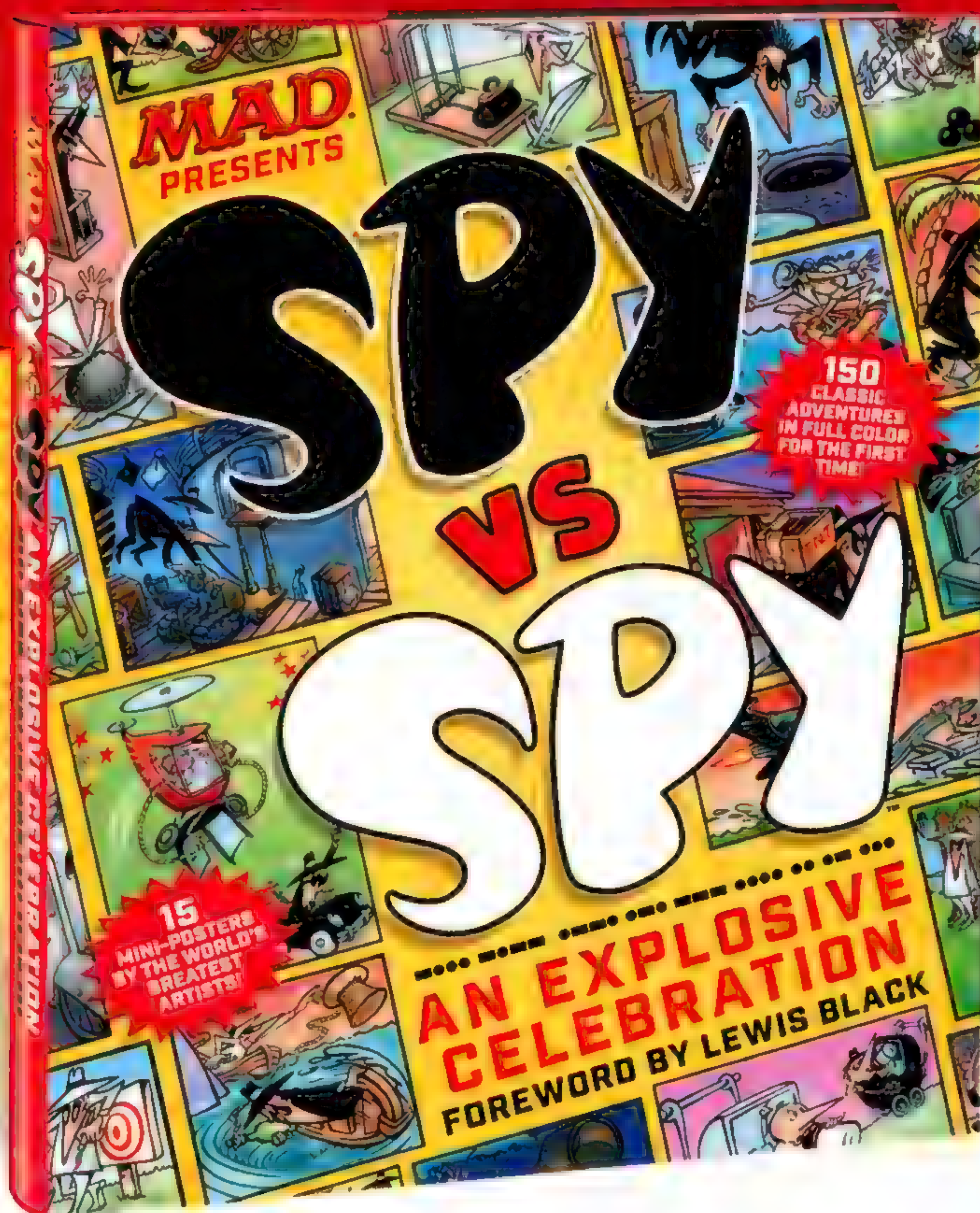
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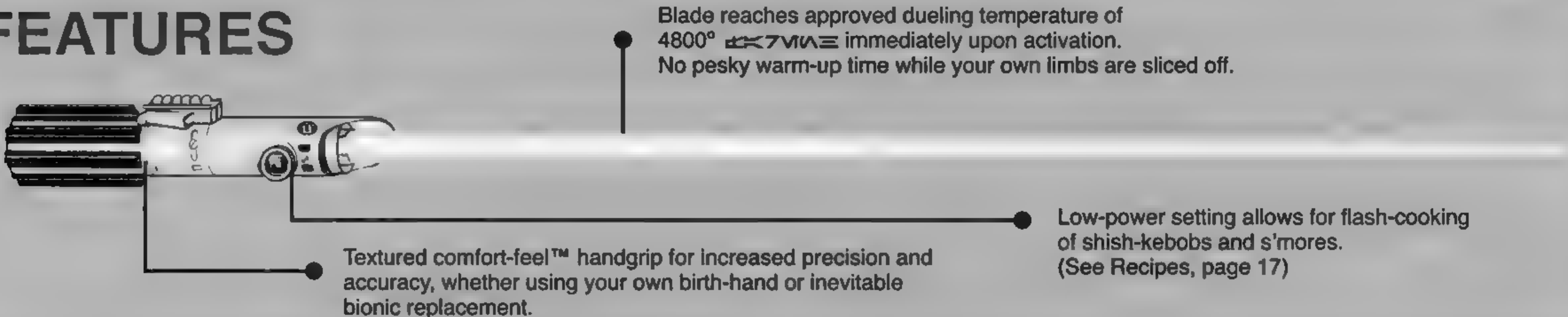
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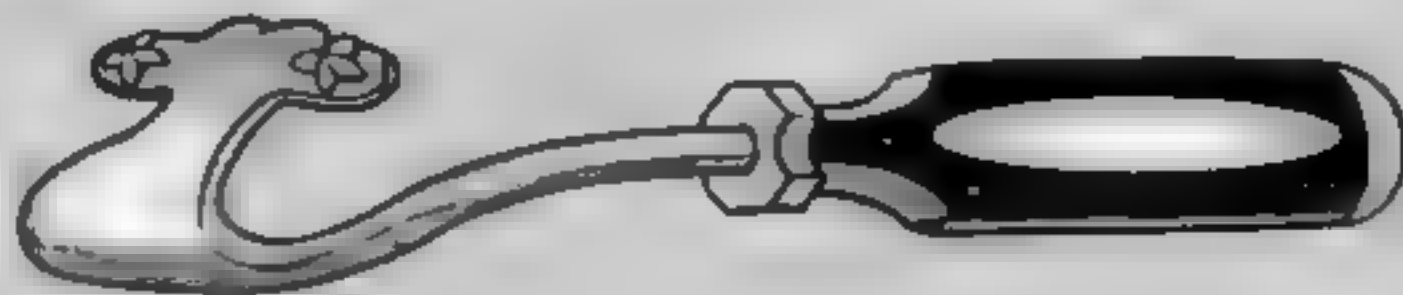
UNPACKING AND SET-UP

1. Remove all parts from carton. It is recommended this step be done on the surface of a planet, large satellite, orbiting asteroid or within a starship maintaining artificial gravity equal to at least 1, as small parts could easily be lost, sucked into ventilation systems or inhaled by larger life forms in a free-floating atmosphere (high-energy components may also come into contact with one another, causing severe burning and/or combustion).

CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING BEFORE BEGINNING ASSEMBLY:

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| A Lightsaber hilt sections (x2) | E Screws (x12) |
| B Energy crystal (sealed in protective bag) | F Detachable power cord |
| C Diatium powercell | G Synthetic bantha-hide carrying case |
| D Blade aperture focusing lens | H Beard trimmer (Model No. LSHB1147 only) |

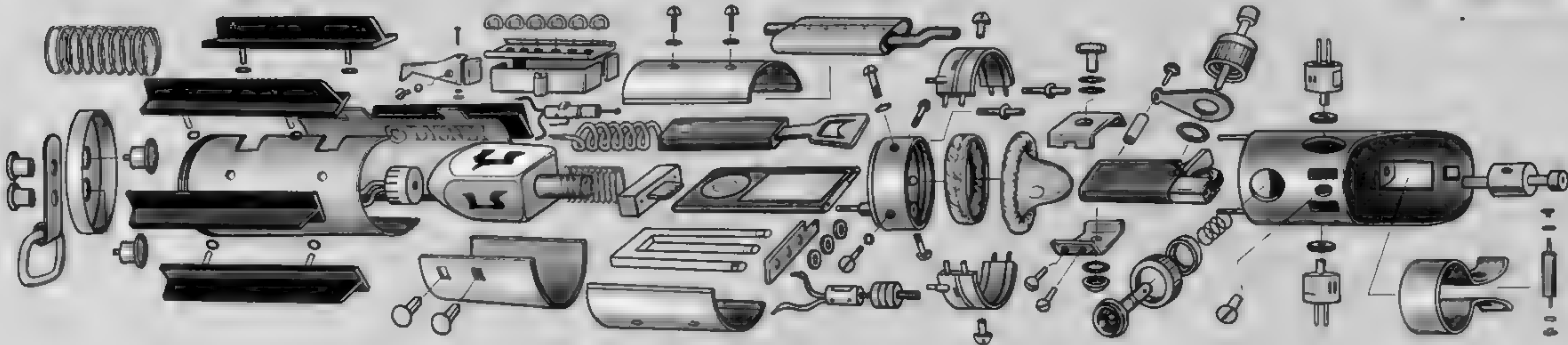
Important! You must have an Ithorian-head screwdriver (not included) to assemble lightsaber.



2. Remove energy crystal from protective bag.

Note: energy crystal may burn and/or permanently scar flesh of certain carbon-based life forms. If unsure if your flesh is susceptible to energy crystal burns, touch energy crystal to inconspicuous area of flesh. If skin begins to bubble or react adversely, or if burning sensation or other painful reaction occurs, IMMEDIATELY remove energy crystal from skin and use forceps, expendable underling or individual with psychological compulsion for self-mutilation to handle energy crystal.

3. Using the Force, assemble all 173 components together in their proper order, making sure to install parts 57 through 89 and parts 141 through 164 simultaneously, using diagram below for reference if necessary. (Assistance with assembly and other technical support is available through Padawan Posse at an additional cost.)

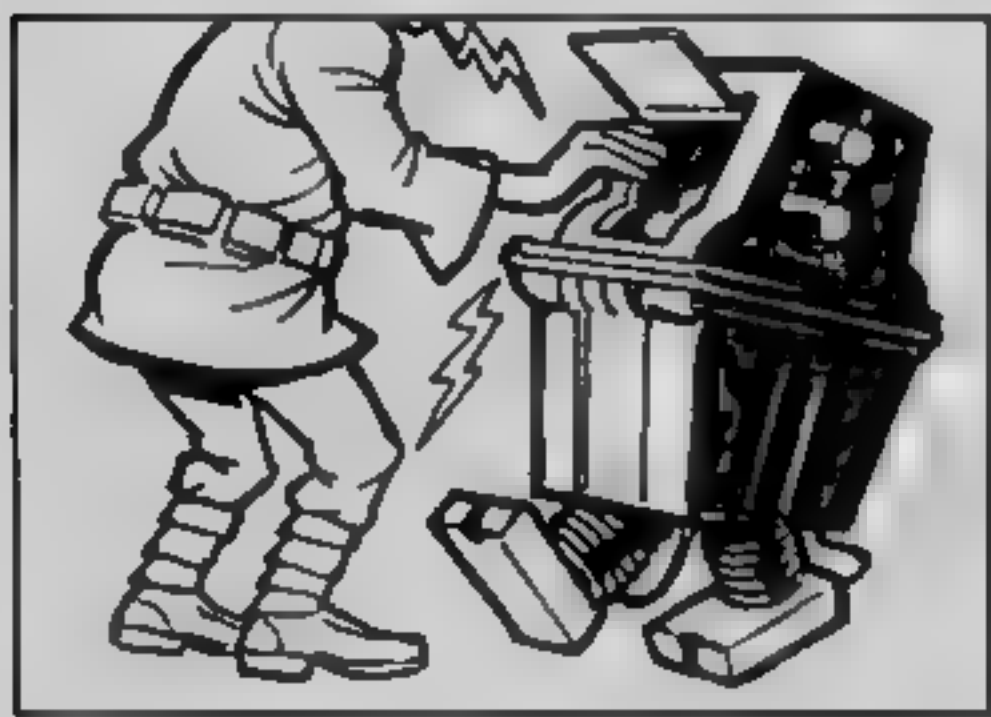


THAT'S IT! ASSEMBLING YOUR LIGHTSABER IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3!
(Presuming you count putting all 173 parts together in #3 as one step. We do!)



Caution! You must make sure energy crystal is placed in energy crystal receptacle correctly as denoted by embossed directional marks. Failure to position crystal correctly may result in lightsaber blade emitting from opposite end of handle, cutting off hand of user and voiding warranty.

BE A GOOD GALACTIC NEIGHBOR

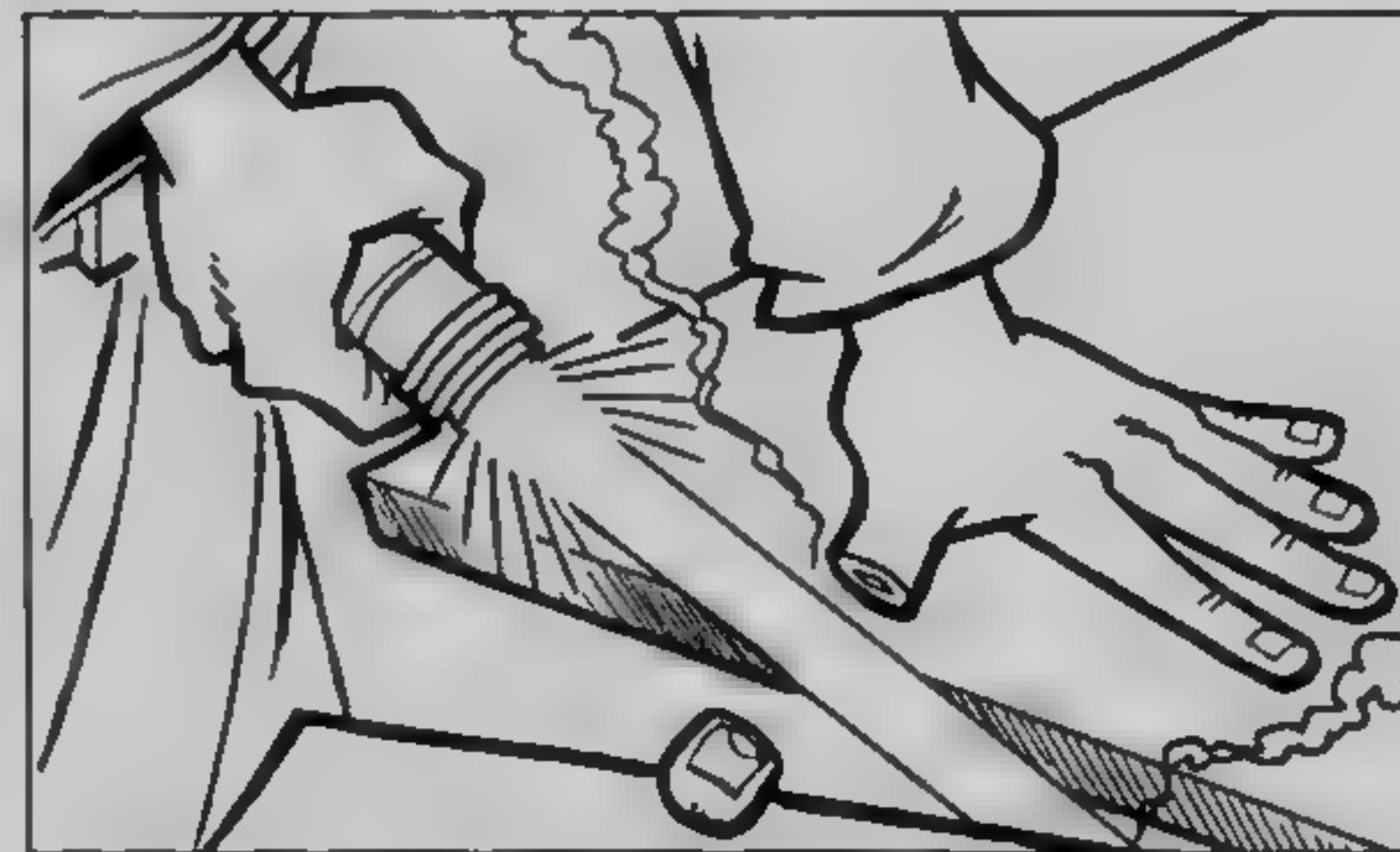


Dispose of drained energy crystals responsibly by discarding in black holes, e-waste approved sarlaac pits or by dropping off in any one of over 15,000 recycling kiosk droids located at various spaceports throughout the Coruscant system and the Outer Rim Territories. Also check local newspapers for a municipally sponsored Highly-Volatile, Unstable, Radioactive e-Waste & Soiled Mattress Collection Event near you.

Note: Please do not dispose of energy crystals in open space as mynocks will feed on them, develop a taste for these and similar power sources, become a nuisance to other travelers and will have to be relocated or destroyed.

TIPS & SUGGESTIONS

Depending on the lifespan of your particular species, with proper care and maintenance, your lightsaber can give you from a few short hours to many centuries of tip-top service. **To ensure trouble-free operation, you should:**



- Avoid using multiple lightsabers in a seaside pier, boardwalk or street performer juggling act.

- Exhibit care when using your lightsaber as a flag for tour groups.

- Allow up to 3 cm margin of error when using your lightsaber to cut drywall, due to width of blade.

ADJUSTING THE LENGTH OF YOUR LIGHTSABER BLADE

For maximum efficiency, the lightsaber blade should be adjusted to your specific height, with a suggested blade length equal to the distance from one's waist to the ground. Hold the handle pointed down at waist level and activate lightsaber. If blade penetrates foot, it is too long and can easily be shortened by adjusting lightsaber blade length dial on handle after user recovers from missing foot.



WARNING: YOUR FORCESONIC LIGHTSABER WARRANTY IS IMMEDIATELY VOIDED IF:

- You hang your lightsaber above your patio for use as a bug zapper. (fig. 1)
- You modify your lightsaber for use as a laser hair removal tool. Only model LS1150SS SilkySkin Lightsaber is safe for hair removal, and only on lifeforms with hides that can comfortably withstand temperatures exceeding that which melt most steel alloys. (fig. 2)
- You use your lightsaber to temporarily replace buzzing fluorescent light above desk in workplace that you left a message about with Maintenance three weeks ago. (fig. 3)



fig. 1



fig. 2



fig. 3

JUST FOR FUN!

**Did You Know...?
With Your ForceSonic
Lightsaber...**

**...Constructing corn mazes
is now a snap!**


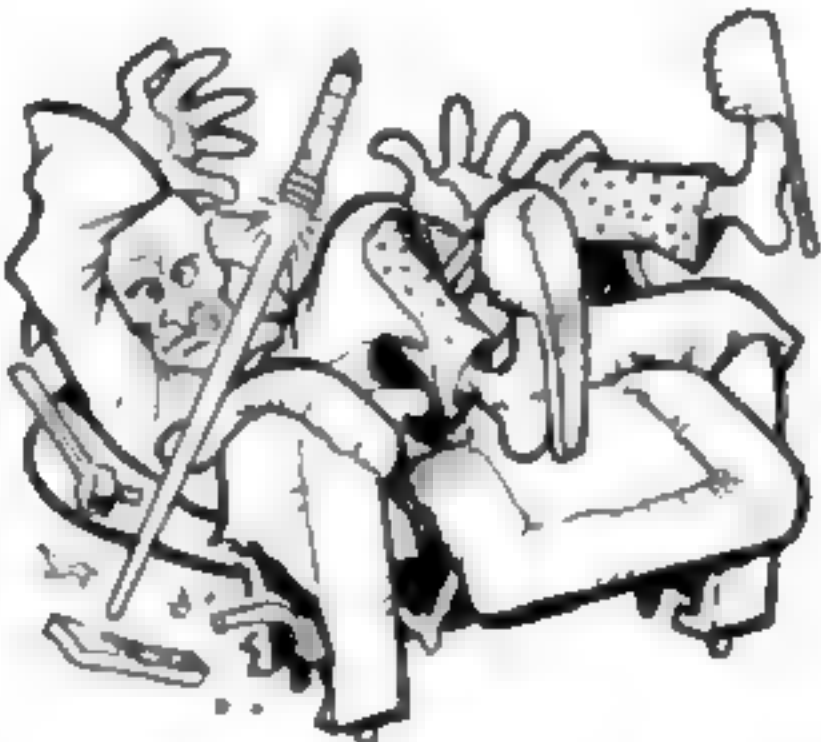







1 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

This limited warranty is extended only to the original purchaser and is non-transferable even if product is solemnly handed down to current owner who is believed to be the last hope for success against galaxy-wide military conflict.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Minor problems often can be resolved without calling ForceSonic Customer Service. Before doing any work on your Lightsaber, make sure unit is off and always wear Galactic Laboratories-approved workgloves tested to withstand temperatures of at least 6500° $\text{AK7V\text{A}E}$.

Problem		Possible Cause	Solution
Blade projects patronus instead of standard lightsaber blade.		User is also a wizard.	Contact Admissions at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
Lightsaber turns on by itself when user sits down to watch "Better Call Maul," destroying reclining mechanism of brand new BanthaLounge.		Lightsaber code accidentally programmed into universal remote.	Contact remote manufacturer for compensation; if manufacturer is ForceSonic, contact Bantha-Lounge and tell them the chair was delivered that way.
Lightsaber unit turns off by itself during slow, methodical duel with enemy.		After fifteen seconds, lightsaber will go into energy saver/sleep mode to conserve power if it does not detect activity.	Moving or shaking lightsaber unit vigorously, or slamming blade against door jams, electronic consoles or other fixtures frequently during extended usage keeps unit active.
After accidentally being dropped in toilet, lightsaber blade does not activate.		Water and/or urine has temporarily shorted out the power crystal.	Allow lightsaber unit to dry thoroughly by allowing to sit in heat of dual suns on barren desert planet for three days, or bury in container of rice for six weeks.
Sleeves of user's robe catch fire from crossguards when using lightsaber unit.		Robe sleeves are too long.	Before using lightsaber unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll up sleeves (or) • Secure sleeves around wrists with rubber bands (or) • Remove robe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightsaber unit is cold to the touch and shorter than usual • Lightsaber blade smells vaguely of lime. 		User is holding a Flav-Hoth-Ice frozen treat, not a lightsaber.	Enjoy frozen treat, then check freezer for misplaced lightsaber.
User's arms suffer a profusion of tiny, pitted burn marks and painful blisters when sparks shower down after slicing through large power cable or certain types of metal.		Robe sleeves are too short.	Before using lightsaber unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unroll sleeves (or) • Deal with it, you woosiee; all those sparks looked cool.

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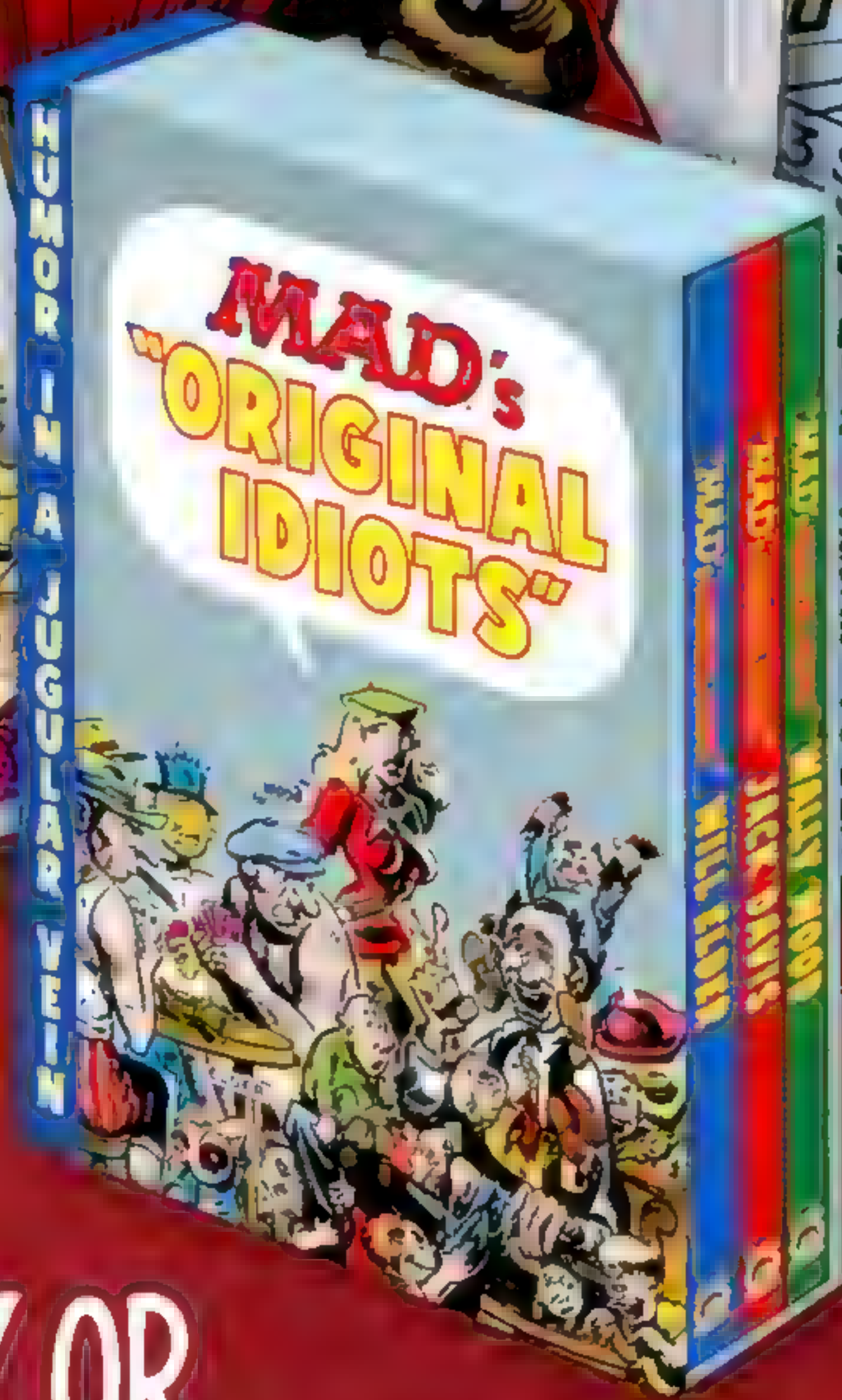
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NO	CAN NAME OTHER THREE DEBATE OPPONENTS	NO
NO	HAS SLEPT WITH BILL CLINTON IN THE LAST DECADE	NO
PRIVATE SERVER SCANDAL	BIGGEST WEAKNESS	THE WHOLE "CRAZY UNCLE" THING
NO	MAY HAVE WORSE HAIR THAN TRUMP	YES
VAST "RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY"	BIGGEST FOE	CAPITALISM

6 REASONS TO BUY STAR WARS TICKETS TONIGHT

A couple hundred million in advance ticket sales will alleviate Disney's anxiety over whether or not the movie will find an audience

Buying tickets tonight will allow you to begin breathlessly waiting to buy tickets for Episode VIII in 2018

It will free you up to focus on other non-Star Wars interests, should you develop any

You won't have to face your local theater's ticket salesman, who remembers when you drunkenly cut the line for Frozen

It'll give you the precious time you need to finish your homemade Stormtrooper costume

Other than reading MAD, it's the most effective way of proving that you haven't matured in decades

6 DISTURBING SIGNS THAT STARBUCKS HATES CHRISTIANITY

Their baristas refuse to recite passages from Leviticus while making your latte

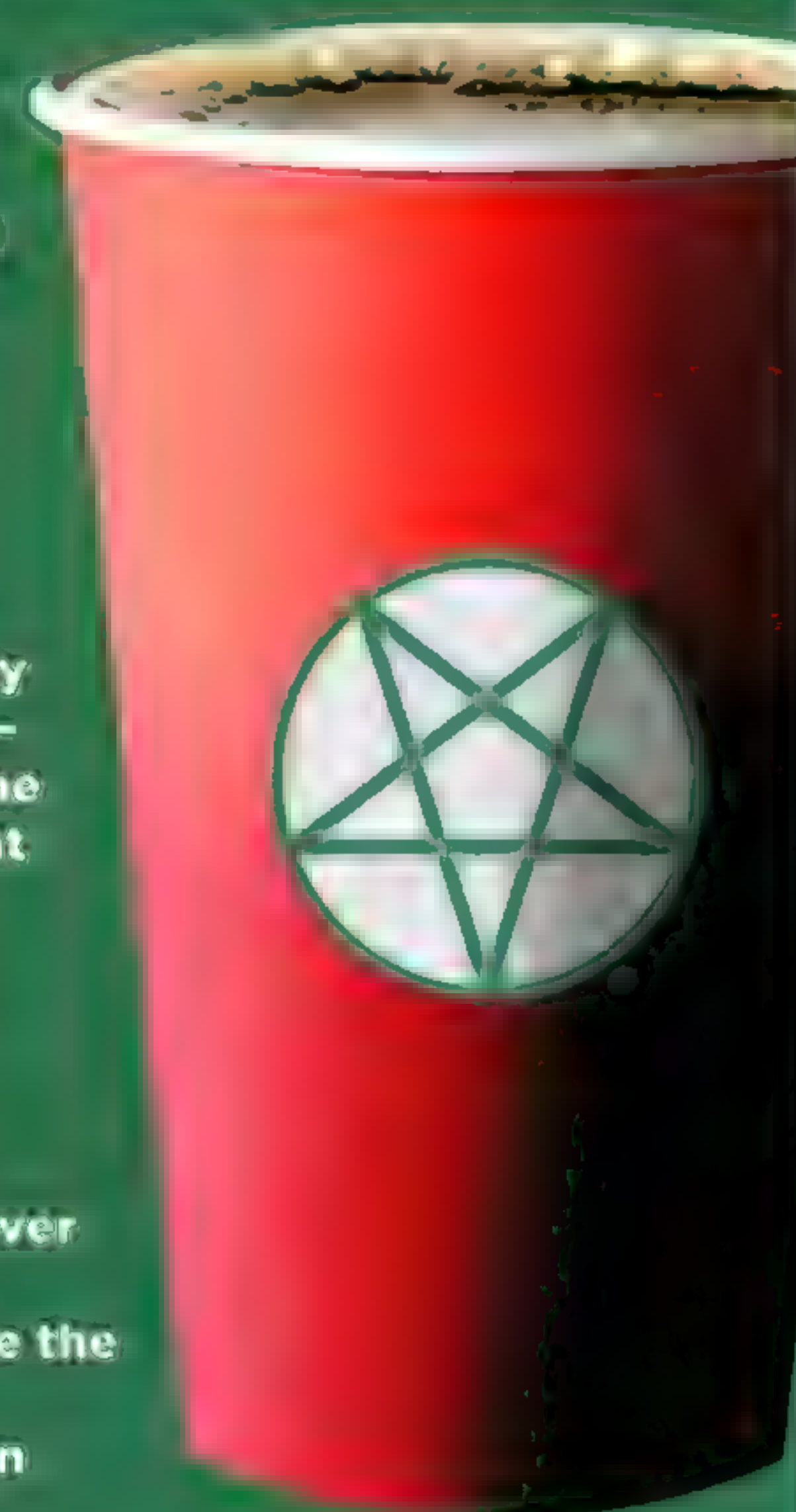
They willingly serve unbaptized customers like it's no big deal

During the holiday season, its stores play "O Come All Ye Faithful" a mere 87 times each day

Its stores won't have live nativity scenes during Christmas week — on the ludicrous grounds that the smell of fresh donkey crap might turn away some customers

They don't offer a communion water-flavored frappuccino

When they're the focus of a pointless, asinine controversy over cup design, they don't rush to re-design those cups to appease the far-right s#itmonkeys who manufactured the whole thing in the first place



FEATURES OF DOMINO'S NEW DELIVERY CARS



FALLOUT FROM NEW CLAIMS THAT PROCESSED MEATS CAUSE CANCER

- The FBI has added Jimmy Dean to its Ten Most Wanted List
- Upon request, Applebee's will remove one of the 19 strips of bacon from its Triple Bacon Burger
- Oscar Mayer executives have convened an emergency meeting in The Baloney Room
- Some Americans are having serious second thoughts about their morning kielbasa break
- Dogs are refusing to eat Snausages, citing the increased risk of Snancer
- There's a new Facebook game: "Six Degrees of Separation Between Kevin Bacon and an Oncologist"
- Incredibly, vegetarians have become even MORE smug and condescending

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY 60 WHEN...

Bill Gates
Edition



You have to keep calling your kids so they can tell you how this damn Windows 10 works

You apply for a \$35 billion reverse mortgage

It's all Frank Sinatra, The Four Seasons and Barry Manilow on your Zune

You and Warren Buffet now schedule your colonoscopies together

You insist Windows 11 will be a large-print edition

You're diverting more and more funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation towards finding cures for senility, incontinence and erectile dysfunction

You call Le Bernardin to ask about their early-bird special

OVERHEARD AT POPE FRANCIS' MEETING WITH FIDEL CASTRO





After almost 60 years, Barbie is finally doing something she's never done before. (No, not providing girls with a healthy body image.) She's speaking! The new "Hello Barbie" is Wi-Fi connected and cloud-based. She's fully interactive and programmed to have back-and-forth conversations with millions of eight-year-old girls (as well as thousands of middle-aged creeps who should be on neighborhood watch lists). So what will come out of her creepily frozen mouth? Hopefully, some of these...

THINGS WE'D LIKE THE NEW HELLO BARBIE TO SAY

We don't **really know** what happened to **Skipper**...can we **change** the **subject**?

Okay, you didn't **hear it** from me, but those **Bratz whores** are riddled with **chlamydia**!

I have this **unexpected accent** because our **interactive conversation** is being rerouted through a **processing center** in **Mumbai**.

"**Unrealistically skinny**"? You wouldn't **eat**, either, if you didn't have a **rectum**!

Guess what? I'm not the only famous **Barbie**! The first was **Klaus Barbie**, the Gestapo torturer dubbed "**The Butcher of Lyon**" who was convicted of **crimes against humanity**!

I can't **believe** I only get paid **77 cents** for every dollar a **Buzz Lightyear** doll makes!

You can enjoy hundreds of my **pretty accessories**... but only if your parents **love you**.

I only have a **20% range of motion** in my arm and leg joints...just like a **fifth-year NFL player**!

By interacting with **Hello Barbie**, the child (hereafter the "User") fully consents to the **collection, use, sale and/or disclosure** of any and all **photographs or audio or video recordings** (hereafter the "Data") of such interactions. User further agrees that such Data **may be shared with or sold to** vendors, service providers or other third parties **without notification or compensation**. User hereby **cedes universal ownership rights** to the Data, **which may be packaged** into any negotiation, sale of assets, merger, financing or acquisition. **This policy** is subject to change without notice. **I like horses — do you like horses too?**



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